

**Under the shadow of a friend**

Eighteen-month-old Tamara Onofre has found a tranquil place to rest, underneath circus elephant Liza, in Brazil. Tamara's friendship with Liza is drawing the crowds at a circus where her mother and father are lion tamers. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Unita no to talks; battle rages

KUZUMBIA RIVER, Angola, Sept. 12, (AP): Government troops and Unita rebels have waged fierce battles recently in southeast Angola, and the rebels say they will not attend next week's summit aimed at salvaging a crumbling peace initiative.

Unita leader Jonas Savimbi, speaking last night at his bush headquarters in Jamba, accused the Angolan government of planning and launching offensives after the two sides agreed to a cease-fire June 22.

The truce collapsed quickly and there has been heavy fighting near the southeastern city of Cuito Cuanavale with more battles expected, Savimbi said.

"The present (peace) talks are not working because they were not prepared properly and we need a different process," Savimbi told journalists.

Savimbi did not criticise Zaire's President Mobutu Sese Seko, who arranged the ceasefire and will host an eight-nation African summit beginning Monday to keep the peace efforts alive in the 14-year-old civil war.

Mobutu has supported Unita politically and allowed the United States to send assistance to the rebels through Zaire.

The Angolan government will be at the talks, but Savimbi said Unita — the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola — will not attend. The rebels plan a special congress Sept. 23-29 to discuss their position on the negotiations, he said.

Savimbi seeks a temporary power-sharing accord with Angola's Marxist government that will eventually lead to free elections in what is now a one-party state.

He renounced the ceasefire Aug. 24 because of the increasing hostilities, but said Monday he still believed peace talks could succeed.

The Angolan government accused Unita of repeated ceasefire violations before Savimbi called off the truce.

Savimbi said Monday that Unita forces are under orders not to launch offensives, but would fight to defend territory they now occupy.

Unita said it repulsed a major attack Aug. 27-29 near the Kuzumbia river, about 70 kilometres (45 miles) southeast of Cuito Cuanavale, where the government usually launches offensives against Unita strongholds in the southeast.

Journalists who visited the battle site over the weekend saw remains of Soviet-built tanks, armoured vehicles and downed MiG-23 fighter plane, all destroyed by the rebels.

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## Rajiv presence moves mom

### Mother Teresa better

CALCUTTA, Sept. 12, (AP): Nobel laureate Mother Teresa was reported to be recovering yesterday from a heart attack after a pacemaker stabilised her heartbeat and antibiotics controlled her fever.

"Mother Teresa had a good night's sleep. Her heartbeat is regular and she has no temperature," said a statement by the Woodlands Nursing Home where she was admitted last week.

It said the 79-year-old Roman Catholic nun, still in the intensive care unit, was feeling "much better."

Earlier, Mother Teresa was examined by Dr. Vincenzo Bilotti, her longtime friend and cardiologist who arrived from Rome yesterday.

"Her condition is good (but) we will have to be careful about her for a week," Bilotti said. He did not elaborate.

Hospital officials said she was responding well to antibiotics and the temporary pacemaker, a cassette-like device that was attached Saturday night with a wire passing through one of Mother Teresa's hands.

Before Bilotti's examination, Mother Teresa was visited for 10 minutes by Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and his wife Sonia.

Press Trust of India news agency said Mother Teresa was deeply moved on seeing Rajiv. She clasped her arms around him and asked about his two children, the news agency said.

Administrator Deba Prasad Barooah said Mother Teresa told Rajiv: "I have seen you as a boy and now you have grown up."

Rajiv and his Italian-born wife had flown to Calcutta specifically to see Mother Teresa, a former convent teacher who made Calcutta her home to work for the poor and dying. She was awarded the 1979 Nobel peace prize for her work with the destitute in the slums of this eastern Indian city.

## NEWS IN BRIEF



### N. Korea proposes

North Korea on Tuesday renewed its proposal for negotiations to remove the US nuclear weapons it says are in South Korea and convert the Korean peninsula into a nuclear-free zone.

North Korean Army Maj. Gen. Choe Ui Ung made the proposal at the 451st meeting of the military armistice commission, while accusing the United States of continuing a nuclear arms buildup to unleash another Korean war.

US Rear Adm. Larry Vogt, speaking for the United Nations command, flatly refused to discuss the request, saying it was a political issue and did not come under the commission's jurisdiction. (Reuter wirephoto)

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**Diana sets fire to drugs haul:** Britain's Princess of Wales got a whiff of marijuana on Tuesday when she set fire to four tons of drugs seized by customs officers.

The air was filled with the smell of cannabis as Princess Diana dropped two plastic bags of narcotics into an incinerator in the channel port of Dover and pressed a button to light the gas fire.

"It is very heavy," she said, hoisting the haul. (Reuter)

**No comment:** Scottish police hunting those responsible for the Lockerbie jumbo jet disaster on Tuesday declined to confirm reports that the FBI knows the identity of the group behind it.

But they said the investigation was going on in a satisfactory manner, along "very positive" lines.

FBI associate deputy director, Oliver Rendell, told a US Senate committee on terrorism the FBI believed it knew the identity of the group, but said it could not reveal its name.

Police in Lockerbie, Scotland, where the tragedy took place in December last year, issued a prepared statement today saying they could not comment, but they did not contradict Rendell's disclosure. (Kuna)

**37 AIDS deaths:** A total of 37 people died of AIDS in Britain last month and 90 new cases were reported, it was announced.

This brings the total number of cases to 2,561 of whom 1,352 have died, the British Department of Health figures said.

They include 2,075 homosexuals, 71 drug abusers, 157 haemophiliacs, 44 blood recipients, 117 heterosexuals, 91 exposed to the virus abroad and 18 who had partners with high risk factors, and 22 children. (Kuna)

**Coloured police denounce incitement of anti-apartheid violence**

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 12, (Reuter): White South African Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok met about 40 angry coloured (mixed-race) police officers today to discuss charges that police incite anti-apartheid violence.

Colonel John Manuel, the country's top coloured policeman, told reporters after the meeting with Vlok that he backed an officer who broke ranks last week to condemn publicly white riot control units for brutality and provocation.

"He (Lieutenant Gregory Rockman) has support from his fellow officers... and from me," he said. "I would like the police to act more professionally. I am

confident there is going to be a change."

In a separate development, a left-wing black journalist Gregory Flat said he had been a paid police informer for almost three years and had sometimes provoked violence at peaceful demonstrations.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu has charged that police shot and killed at least 23 people last week in clashes during parliamentary elections excluding South Africa's black majority.

Vlok declined to be questioned at length, but said riot control methods were discussed in the hour-long session at a police club in the white Cape Town

# Attention focused on 'Desai trial'

## Hersh to defend himself against libel charge

CHICAGO, Sept. 12, (UPI): World-wide attention is being focused on a federal courtroom where Pulitzer prize-winning reporter Seymour Hersh will defend himself against accusations he libeled former Indian prime minister Morarji Desai.

Jury selection was set to begin tomorrow in the trial of Hersh, who wrote in a book that Desai was a paid informant for the CIA in the 1970s.

In his best seller, "The Price of Power," published six years ago, Hersh wrote that Desai received \$20,000 from the CIA to provide confidential state information.

Cyriac Kappil, attorney for the 94-year-old Desai, said his client will remain in Chicago throughout the trial, which is expected to take eight weeks.

US district judge Charles R. Norgles Sr. was scheduled to preside over the trial, which could draw observers from around the world.

Kappil said Desai is in good spirits and anxious to "clear his name."

"We have not asked for damages. We will leave the amount to the jury. Mr Desai is seeking compensation for the loss of his reputation. For Mr Desai, the most impor-

tant thing is not money. He wants his name to be cleared," Kappil said.

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was listed as a witness for the defence, although Kappil would not say whether Kissinger's testimony would be presented in person or in a videotaped deposition.

"We have him identified as a witness at the trial. We expect his testimony to be presented to the jury," Kappil said.

Hersh referred all questions regarding the case to his attorneys, who could not be reached for comment.

Kappil said he felt confident he can prove Hersh acted with malice. Under the law, a public official suing for libel must prove the alleged defamation was malicious.

Desai, a one time disciple of the late Mohandas K. Gandhi, is a widower and lives in Bombay with his son, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Kappil said.

"He spends his time reading books and newspapers and receives visitors from all over the world. He gets a lot of mail and answers all of it himself," Kappil said.

## Pak politics

### Battle of rallies hots up

KARACHI, Sept. 12, (Agencies): More than 100,000 flag-waving supporters listened to Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto yesterday as the "battle of the rallies" with her opposition intensified.

Benazir spoke near the tomb of Pakistan's national hero Mohammad Ali Jinnah in Karachi as opposition leader Nawaz Sharif staged his own gathering, attended by ten of thousands, in his stronghold Lahore.

Both rallies officially marked the 41st anniversary of Jinnah's death, but they were more a test of strength between Benazir's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Sharif's Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA).

The IDA began the battle in August with two rallies in Islamabad and Peshawar. Benazir responded last Wednesday, when more than 100,000 supporters gathered to hear her at a Defence Day meeting in Rawalpindi.

On Monday she appealed for communal peace in Karachi where hundreds of people have died in ethnic rioting since 1986. It was her first public rally in the city since taking office last December.

But despite her plea, a police official said a man was killed in a gunbattle between police and Sindhis returning from the rally.

Some 200 people also attacked a police station to free a Sindhi lorry driver arrested earlier in the day. Police released teargas and opened fire after shots came from the crowd, the official said. Police seized two revolvers from the crowd at the rally.

Benazir said only the poor suffered in inter-communal fighting and only looters and other lawless elements gained.

"We should unite and face the challenges," she said. "We want to see unity among the people of the four provinces, we want to build a better Pakistan."

She announced the recruitment of an extra 9,000 police for Sindh province, 5,000 of them in Karachi.

She also said that Karachi's international airport would be renamed after Jinnah, a decision taken by a previous Pakistani government but never implemented.

She announced floating of a "metro-rail service" to ease the acute transport problem of Karachi.

Benazir advised the people of Karachi to avoid violence and communal fighting. When the curfew was clamped it was the poor who suffered. They lost their means of livelihood. They did not get essential articles like food and water. Industrial units closed down and investments came to a halt. All this increased the unemployment problem, she added.

## Research

### Carrot cure for cancer

LONDON, Sept. 12, (KUNA): A substance found in carrots could hold the secret to a treatment for cancer, biologists at the British association annual conference were told.

Dr James Gilmour, a Sheffield University microbiologist, northern England, outlined new research in the United States on mice, which discovered that carotene, the substance which gives carrots their colour, had been found to limit breast cancer.

The chemical is produced by dried algae that live in the dead sea.



### Opposition rally

Pakistani opposition leader Nawaz Sharif (top) former prime minister Mohammed Khan Junejo (right) and a senior colleague Shujaat Hussain acknowledge cheers of their supporters on the way to a big rally in Lahore on Monday night. (Reuter wirephoto)



An East German couple hold their travel documents and a bottle of wine as they kiss prior to crossing the border between Hungary and Austria on Sept. 10. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Backs to the 'Wall'

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yesterday and 9.30 am today.

He said all but 1,181 entered from Czechoslovakia, which is sandwiched between Hungary and East Germany, and the rest entered from Romania. He called the movements normal for this time of year.

Hungarian radio said yesterday that 16,000 East Germans had crossed from Czechoslovakia since yesterday morning. But border authorities said today that the radio apparently misquoted an Interior Ministry official and had been giving a figure for the entire weekend.

About 60,000 East Germans were reported in Hungary on Sunday most of them on vacation — but an Interior Ministry official in the capital of Budapest said yesterday that 26,000 of them had returned home.

In the Czechoslovak capital of Prague, witnesses said many of the 400 East Germans holed up in the West German embassy left the grounds today.

Several refugees said the East German government had promised not to punish them if they returned home and would let them apply to emigrate to the West. Some of the refugees had camped for weeks out in hopes of being allowed to emigrate to neighbouring West Germany.

East Germans have used Hungary's looser borders to flee to the West for years. That stream turned into a steady flood in May, when Hungary removed many border fortifications with western neighbour Austria, and turned into deluge on Sunday when thousands of East Germans vacationing in Hungary

## Sidelights

**East Germans quit Bonn embassy in Prague:** About 230 Germans who had been occupying West Germany's embassy in Prague for up to five months on Tuesday gave up their bid to gain passage to the West.

Diplomatic sources said they had left the mission after obtaining pledges of official aid to leave their hardline communist state legally.

But about 170 East Germans were still sitting tight in the embassy and had yet to make a decision to leave, they said.

**Honecker's article:** East German leader Erich Honecker, variously reported to have cancer and to beat death's door, is apparently alive and well — and writing for the Communist Party daily Neues Deutschland.

A spokesman for the newspaper told Reuters Honecker had penned a sarcastic commentary published on Tuesday that ridiculed a West German tabloid's reports on his failing health following surgery last month for gall stones.

"According to Bild, Honecker had given up the will to live yesterday and has cancer of the pancreas. Today a big headline says Honecker wants to die," said the article, which appeared in all the main newspapers and was signed, "E.H."

**Opposition forms new group:** More than 100 East German opposition activists formed a new independent countrywide group on Monday and called for dialogue with the communist leadership. Protestant church sources reported.

They said the group, New Forum, intended to work within the constitution and was open to all those who wanted to work towards restructuring in East Germany, which has so far resisted Soviet-style reform.

**Kohl re-elected:** West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl was re-elected chairman of his Christian Democratic Party (CDU) on Monday but with a record number of votes against him.

More than three-quarters of the delegates at the party congress voted for Kohl, 59, to stay on as party leader for the next two years and take them into the 1990 general elections.

were allowed to emigrate en masse.

The refugees, who came through three separate crossings, had completely filled five temporary camps near the Austrian border in Bavaria and officials were seeking more shelter in military barracks.

Budapest suspended an accord with East Berlin on Sunday to let thousands of refugees go West.

The refugee crisis has caused new strains between Hungary and East Germany, Warsaw Pact allies already at odds over reforms.

## Maggie in Ulster for a day of talks

BELFAST, Sept. 12, (Agencies): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher flew to Northern Ireland today for a day of talks with businessmen, the police and the army, officials said.

The trip was kept secret for security reasons until officials announced her arrival at the Royal Air Force base Aldergrove in Belfast.

"She will be seeing industrial and commercial activities and will be meeting a wide range of people involved in the life of the province, including the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the army," said a spokesman from the Northern Ireland office.

Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, said the aim of her visit was to boost low security forces' morale.

"The morale of her government and its armed forces is at such a low level that even the jingoistic rallying and cheering will not suffice to raise their spirits," said spokesman Danny Morrison. "It's nothing short of a flag-waving exercise."

Accompanied by Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Brooke, Thatcher went by helicopter after her arrival to an industrial site outside Londonderry for a visit to three small light industry factories, said the official.

Later, they visited a large plant manufacturing fibre and toured a factory where a section of yarn is made.

Meanwhile, the outlawed Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for an attack on the Royal Air Force base at Bishopscoats, a radar station which is part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's air defence system.

**Attacks**  
The IRA will attack Britons "wherever they are," an IRA leader said in an interview with the West German Stern magazine, released yesterday.

In an article released in advance of publication, the magazine quoted the senior IRA member as saying the extremist group would stop all its attacks outside of Northern Ireland if the "British government declares it will withdraw its troops from Northern Ireland in the near future."

The magazine only identified the IRA official as "the IRA person in charge of foreign operations."

"We have decided to attack Britons wherever they are, to show what is going on in the occupied part of Ireland," he told Stern.

## Pilot passes the hat

HARARE, Zimbabwe, Sept. 12, (AP): The captain of a Zimbabwean presidential jet borrowed money from his passengers to pay landing fees at Belgrade airport, Yugoslavia, it was reported today.

The Boeing 707 of state-owned Air Zimbabwe had taken President Robert Mugabe to the Yugoslav capital for the summit of the 102-member Non-Aligned Movement when airport authorities refused it clearance to depart until landing fees of some \$2,000 were paid, the Herald newspaper said.

The aircraft was towed to a parking area while the captain searched for Zimbabwe embassy staff, said the Herald.

But Zimbabwe officials were busy with Mugabe's visiting delegation and passengers were asked to lend ready money to the airline instead, the report said.

The Herald, published in Harare by the state-owned Mass Media Trust, said two passengers provided enough hard currency for the plane to resume its journey to the British capital London.



# Survivors' nightmare

## Crash in Amazon

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 12. (AP) It was 5.25 on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 3, when pilot Cesar Garcez noted the Boeing 737 down the runway at Marabá and took off for Belém, an Amazon river port 250 miles (400 kms) away. It would be the longest flight of his life.

The 48 passengers and six crew members on Varig Airlines Flight 254 settled in for a four-hour flight. It was the last leg of a cross-country flight that had begun eight hours earlier, 2,000 miles (3,200 kms) and six cities away in São Paulo.

The flight was routine for Garcez, a 32-year-old Air Force veteran. True, pilots often complained about the lack of radar in the region and the "black holes" where planes could not be tracked. But the flight was so short it rarely mattered.

Today, it would be crucial. Garcez, a soccer fan, was at that moment concerned about the result of the Brazilian-Chile match in Rio de Janeiro. Some passengers later said the pilot asked the control tower for the radio frequency of a local station transmitting the game.

Things began to go wrong almost immediately. As he climbed into the darkening sky, Garcez was not aware he was heading in exactly the wrong direction. Instead of going north-northeast to Belém, he flew southwest.

Epaminondas Chaves, a passenger who would be acclaimed a hero by the survivors, said Garcez later told him he had mistakenly set a course of 270, when the correct heading was 027.

Garcez tried to contact the Belém control tower but got no answer. "Chaves, a civil engineer and frequent flyer, saw in the gloom that the wild terrain below was not the approach to Belém. He mentioned it to a stewardess, but she told him the pilot knew what he was doing."

"The moon was on the left, then on the right. We were flying in circles," said Chaves, who sat in the next-to-last row because he had observed that the tail section often remains intact in plane crashes. It would save his life.

An hour passed, then two hours. Garcez had lost contact with Belém and had enough fuel for 90 minutes. Stewardesses passed out drinks to nervous passengers.

In his last radio contact picked up by a passing Cruzeiro Airlines jet, the pilot said he had problems in his navigational system and only one working engine, and would try an emergency landing in the jungle. Flight attendants instructed passengers to fasten their seat belts and put their heads down.

"This is not happening because I want it to. Pray that everything works out," Garcez told the passengers. He reduced his speed to 110 mph (180 kph) and cut his remaining engine. It was about 9 pm.

For minutes, there was only the sound of the dead plane whistling through the air. Then it hit the treetops. "It was as if a giant claw had scratched the body of the plane," recalled Regina Azevedo. "There was a deafening screech, then silence."

On impact, seats tore loose and shot to the front of the cabin. Most of the victims were in the front rows and were crushed from behind.

One man panicked and refused to put on his seatbelt. When the plane hit, "he passed like a rocket and smashed against the front wall," Chaves said. He died instantly.

There also were miracles. Five-month-old Ariadne

Ramos, cradled by her mother, was found without a scratch in the mass of jumbled seats.

The impact tore off the wings and landing gear and ripped a swath 300 feet long in the virgin forest. Eight passengers died inside the cabin, and a ninth victim was found outside.

Chaves, in back, was the only passenger whose seat didn't break loose. He got up and tried to open the emergency doors. They were stuck. Finally he got the regular door open, and he and 11 others ran from the plane, fearing an explosion that never came.

"There, in the darkness, we all joined hands and prayed," he said.

Then they went back to help the others. Some were badly hurt, but a surprising number were in relatively good condition.

Removing the survivors took all night and most of the next day. Bruna Lorena Coimbra Costa, 3, was pinned by her right leg until morning and needed emergency surgery. Her mother, Marianne Coimbra, later complained she couldn't even find an aspirin.

The seats were taken out to make improvised beds. Towels became bandages. A doctor happened to be carrying first aid kits, and another passenger had some antibiotics. The dead were left inside.

Sandwiches from the plane's canteen were rationed. A bigger problem was water, which soon ran out.

Stewardess Luciane Melo said the plane's distress signal box, which turns on when immersed, was activated with urine, "but we had so little water it was hard even to urinate."

On Monday afternoon, Afonso Sariva, an Amazon native familiar with forest ways, set out to find water. A half-hour's walk away he discovered a brook, with banks marked by tapir and capybara prints. The survivors had water, but now feared jaguar attacks.

The small black bees that infest the region bedeviled the injured. The insects were drawn by blood and by tears, and bee stings were frequent.

At 5 pm they heard the sound of a plane.

"Everyone started to wave like in the movies, but the forest was so thick we couldn't see it, and it left," Chaves said. On Tuesday, it became clear action was needed if they were to be rescued.

Chaves, Sariva, Marcionilio Pinheiro and Antonio Farias de Oliveira decided to go for help. With a box of sandwiches, an apple, three lighters, a jackknife and two small flares, they set off into the jungle.

After three hours, Chaves spotted something that sent the group's spirits soaring: cow manure.

Soon the trees thinned, and they came to a Curumare ranch in Mato Grosso state—some 1,100 (1,800 kms) miles from Belém.

At a neighbouring ranch they radioed for help. The call was picked up by a ham radio operator in São Paulo, who alerted the Air Force. Officials were sceptical, but Chaves finally convinced them it wasn't a prank by reading his ticket number. It was 1 pm.

The Air Force, which had picked up the distress signal and was searching the area, sighted the downed plane and airdropped food, medicine and blankets. Rescue teams with machetes cut a path to the crash site.

"We were attacked by the survivors. They grabbed us, embraced and kissed us, crying a lot," said Joao Batista Figueira of the Air Force's Salvaterra rescue team.

# Prince Aya pops the question to college sweetheart

TOKYO, Sept. 12. (AP) Prince Aya, second son of Japanese Emperor Akihito, says he proposed to his college sweetheart more than three years ago, while they were waiting at a crosswalk for the light to change.

And his bride-to-be, Kiko Kawashima, disclosed that she took her time to think about it before agreeing to marry the prince.

The couple, both 23, met reporters after their engagement was formally announced this morning. News of the engagement dominated evening newspapers and broadcasts.

Most television networks pre-empted programming for coverage of the announcement, and the couple's news conference was carried live on nationwide television. Both appeared pleased but a bit nervous as they fielded questions.

No date has been set, but ceremonies related to the wedding will not be held until after next Jan. 7, the end of a one-year mourning period for Emperor Hirohito, Aya's grandfather, who died at the age of 87 after a 62-year reign.

Prince Aya said he had proposed to Kiko in June 1986, a year after they first met.

"I was taking her home after a get-together that evening, and I asked her while we were stopped for a light at a crosswalk," the prince told reporters at the Akasaka Palace in central Tokyo.

Miss Kawashima, the daughter of a college economics professor, said she asked for time to think about the proposal.

"My father told me that it was my life, and a decision that I should make after careful thought," she said.

Aya is second in line to the throne. He is to complete postgraduate studies in Zoology at Oxford University's St John's College next June.

The Imperial Household Council gave its stamp of approval to the engagement earlier in the day. The 10-member council, headed by Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, is required by law to discuss the marriage of any male imperial family member.

Kiko has a wonderful personality and is a most fitting princess for his majesty Prince Fumihito," Kaifu said. Fumihito is the prince's given name, though he is normally referred to by his title, Prince Aya.

Aya's wedding, the first royal marriage since 1984, will be one of three major imperial events in 1990.

The week-long coronation ceremonies for Emperor Akihito are scheduled for mid-November, and Naruhito, Aya's elder brother, has yet to be

formally installed as crown prince.

Aya said he had hoped to marry after his brother, in keeping with palace custom. But Naruhito's search for a bride continues and "my engagement" was just settled first, Aya said.

Today's announcement came a day after Miss Kawashima celebrated her 23rd birthday.

Prince Aya's choice of a bride without a noble background caused something of a stir.

Miss Kawashima, who lives in campus housing with her parents and younger brother at Tokyo's Gakushuin University, where her father teaches. Because of that, she has been dubbed the "apartment princess."

The university, however, is the alma mater of many of Japan's royalty.

Michiko reportedly helped deflect opposition to the marriage.

# And now men's lib too!

TEL AVIV, Israel, Sept. 12. (AP) Dozens of disgruntled Israeli men, who complain of being saddled with steep child support payments for offspring they didn't want, met yesterday to form the country's first men's liberation group.

"The alimony system is unfair and the only way we can get anything done is to unite and get together," said lawyer Samuel Banial, a founder of "Fathers Against their Will." Banial started the organization as a pioneering men's advocate group in 1987, in response to a growing number of cases of Israeli women who take advantage of conservative social codes to sue non-consenting fathers for child support checks.

He noted that more and more of his clients were "being destroyed emotionally as well as economically by the illegitimate births."

Up to 7,000 children, unwanted by their fathers, are

born out of wedlock annually in Israel, and there are more than 600 new cases each year, Banial told the 150 men assembled in an auditorium.

The courts frequently order child support payments from men even for children born out of wedlock, Banial said. The orders are often enforced by barring a man's departure from the country unless he can guarantee payment.

Banial noted a window shutter repairman he had represented in court, who had a brief affair with a neighbour of a client. The repairman was ordered a year later to pay child support for an illegitimate daughter born of the liaison, although he is married with several children.

Banial also gave an example of a medical technician, who was recently ordered to pay \$500 of his \$790 a month salary to support a child born although he never agreed to be a father.

# Bakker stashed old age nest egg

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Sept. 12. (AP) Jim Bakker once bought a 12-carat, \$22,000 raw diamond to provide for his retirement and took out insurance on a series of ever-larger boats, witnesses said at the evangelist's trial yesterday.

Ernest Perry, owner of Perry Jewelry Emporium in Charlotte, North Carolina, said Bakker told him that the 12-carat stone, as well as an eight-carat diamond Bakker purchased, would be "a good investment for his retirement."

Another witness, Carolyn Smith, of the Jerry Tuttle Insurance agency in Charlotte, testified the Bakkers' homeowners policy valued their personal property at \$134,000 for the period June 1, 1986, through June 1, 1987.

The policy covered such things as a \$45,000 diamond ring, a \$27,000 diamond ring and a \$29,000 diamond bracelet, and the premium was paid by PTL, she said.

Mrs. Smith said Jim and Tammy Bakker also insured successively larger boats. In 1978, an 18-foot (5.5-metre) boat valued at \$8,600; in 1984, a 19-foot (5.8-metre) boat valued at \$10,000; and in 1986, a 22-foot (6.7-metre) boat valued at \$29,000.

Bakker is charged with 24 counts of fraud and conspiracy and faces 120 years in prison and more than \$5 million in fines if convicted. Prosecutors say he used nearly \$4 million in ministry funds to finance a lavish lifestyle.

Others testified about renovations and decorating projects for the Bakkers' home at Tega Cay, South Carolina, including Randy Utsey of Kitchens Unlimited in Charlotte, who said he did \$43,155 worth of remodeling and PTL paid the bill.

Builder and developer Haines Maxwell testified he did three major projects: A \$25,592 garage and atrium addition, a \$140,000 renovation of the kitchen and dining room, and added a 15-by-18-foot (4.5-by-5.4 metre) closet to the master bedroom and a bedroom for the Bakker's son, Jamie, at a cost of \$92,278. He said he was never paid for the bedroom work, but the rest was paid by PTL.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### Bingo brawl

### 90 hurt in stampede

BRASILIA, Sept. 12. (UPI) Ninety people were treated in hospitals yesterday for injuries suffered at an overcrowded Bingo game that degenerated into a brawl, officials said.

Civil defence officials in Brasilia attributed the tumult to improper management by organizers who sold too many tickets to Sunday's "festival of the first millionaires."

Organisers sold 89,000 tickets to the Bingo extravaganza in the Mane Garrincha stadium, which has a maximum capacity of 40,000 people, the officials said.

Police said the melee started when a firecracker went off, panicking gamblers playing for the fifth automobile and starting a stampede.

But stadium director Hezir Espindola said the panic began when dissidents unhappy with management of the game argued with organisers and began shoving.

MOREHEAD CITY, North Carolina: Toupees and transplants were heavily booted at the 16th annual convention of the bald headed men of America.

"It's not what's on the head that's important; it's what in the head," said John Capps, the organisation's founder.

More than 30 of the organisation's 30,000 members attended the event in Morehead City, engaging in a marathon of bald humour and participating in competitions including most kissable bald head, smoothest, sexiest, best all-round and solar dome. (AP)

ROCHESTER, Minn.: Former US President Ronald Reagan is making an excellent recovery from surgery three days ago to remove fluid from his brain and may be released from hospital by week's end, his spokesman said on Monday.

The 78-year-old former chief executive has been reading newspapers, watching television news and attending to routine office paperwork, spokesman Mark Weinberg said.

"Although no date has been determined, physicians managing President Reagan's care are hopeful that if the present rate of progress continues, President Reagan will be able to return to California at the end of the week," Weinberg said.

Reagan and his wife had checked into the renowned Mayo Clinic research facility last week for routine physical exams. Doctors discovered a spot of blood on his brain apparently caused by a fall from a horse last July.

The fluid was removed during what was described as routine surgery on Friday. (Reuters)



Followed by her escort, hairdresser Michael Disney, Zsa Zsa Gabor leaves the courtroom after the first day of jury selection Sept. 11. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Gabor faces jury

'I think it's exciting'

BEVERLY HILLS, California, Sept. 12. (AP) Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor spent the day in court yesterday, watching jury selection for her trial on a charge of slapping a policeman, with more than 100 reporters hanging on her every word outside court.

She breezed into court accompanied by her hairdresser, daughter and eighth husband, Prince Frederick von Anhalt, Germany's Duke of Saxony. Gabor was dressed in a black wool crepe Donna Karan dress with cinched waist and red silk flower off the shoulder. Her daughter, Francesca Hilton, wore a simple T-shirt bearing a photo of her mother behind bars with "Free Zsa Zsa" written in pink.

Municipal Judge Charles G. Rubin immediately imposed a gag order on the case, silencing the outspoken Gabor.

Gabor's entourage was surrounded by more than 100 reporters and camera and sound crews when she stepped from a chauffeured car near the courthouse.

Distressed by word that only six reporters would be allowed inside the small courtroom, the international news mob swarmed hairdresser Michael Disney.

It was "just the usual" hairstyle for Miss Gabor, he said.

"It's very conservative,"

Gabor was arrested on June 14 in Beverly Hills after she was stopped at the wheel of her \$215,000 Rolls-Royce Corniche convertible for having an expired registration, and drove off as the officer was checking for other infractions. Police said she then slapped the officer when he stopped her again two blocks later.

Gabor has maintained she was verbally and physically abused by an officer who has a history of harassing celebrities.

She pleaded innocent on July 12 to charges of misdemeanor battery on a police officer, disobeying a police officer's orders, driving with an expired licence, having an open container of alcohol in her car and having an expired car registration.

If convicted, she faces a maximum jail term of two years and a \$4,000 fine.

Gabor yawned as the proceedings headed toward lunch recess. She was followed again by a crush of reporters and camera crews toward the courthouse elevator.

"I've never done it before. I think it's exciting," she said. "I'm not supposed to say one single word," Gabor said at day's end, "but I thought the jury was charming."

## 'Apologies for outburst'

# Brando does an about face

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (Reuters)

Marlon Brando, the moody Hollywood legend who two weeks ago blistered his just-completed film 'The Freshman' as horrible, said yesterday he was wrong about the movie and apologised for his outburst.

"It is clear to me that the movie contains moments of high comedy that will be remembered for decades Brando said in a statement after seeing a partially edited version of the movie.

There is no substitute for laughter in this frightened and endlessly twisting world."

His praise for 'The Freshman' was a complete about-face for the 65-year-old Brando, famed during his career for brooding

fits and denunciations of the film establishment.

This has made Brando a public relations nightmare and no better example came on August 31 when he bashed the film in an interview with the Toronto Globe and Mail.

"It's horrible," Brando had said of the movie, which was directed by Andrew Bergman and co-stars Matthew Broderick.

"It's going to be a flop, but after this, I'm retiring. I'm so fed up. I wish I hadn't finished with a stinker."

The attack, which came after 12 weeks of shooting in Canada, was a surprise to his director and co-stars, who said Brando was

gushy about the script and even threw a party for the cast and crew when shooting ended.

Brando, who won Oscars for 'On the Waterfront' in 1954 and 'The Godfather' in 1972, said yesterday he also had a negative reaction when he saw the first cut of 'Waterfront' and blamed personal problems for his attack on 'The Freshman.'

He dropped all talk of retirement, saying instead that he had heard discussions of a possible sequel and I would be happy if I were asked to appear in it.

'The Freshman' concerns a young college student (Broderick) who is befriended by an ageing gangster (Brando). It is scheduled for spring release.

Naddi also contended that his father-in-law was continuing an incestuous affair with his wife and planned to take her and the couple's two children back to Jordan.

# Jury selection starts in third sanity trial of convicted murderer

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 12. (AP) Jury selection has begun in the third sanity trial for a Lebanese man already convicted of fatally shooting his wife and four members of her Jordanian family.

Toufic Naddi, 48, of El Cajon, California, could receive the death penalty if jurors find he was sane when he murdered his 36-year-old wife, Aida, her parents, cousin and brother-in-law June 1, 1985, at his eastern San Diego county home.

Attorneys say they expect jury selection to take about six weeks because potential panelists will be questioned extensively about their

attitudes towards people of Middle Eastern descent and their views on the death penalty.

Jurors in Naddi's first sanity trial deadlocked 11-1, with the majority finding he was sane when he shot the family members while they slept. However, the need for a unanimous finding prompted a second trial, also involving the sanity issue only.

Superior court Judge Terry O'Rourke, who will preside over the case for the third time, cited "prejudicial remarks" in the prosecutor's closing argument as the reason for declaring a mistrial Aug 9 in Naddi's second sanity trial.

Deputy district attorney Bob Boles told jurors in his closing argument that Naddi's decision to kill was comparable to terrorists in Lebanon who had executed American hostage Lt. Col William Higgins. The judge said that was prejudicial because Naddi was born in Lebanon.

The same jury that heard evidence in Naddi's first sanity trial convicted him of the murders in June 1988.

Naddi's in-laws, from a prominent family in Amman, Jordan, were staying at his residence

when they were killed. During his guilt-phase testimony, Naddi said it was (God's) will that he shoot them.

Besides his wife, Naddi's victims were Habib Sabbagh, 73, and Lillian Sabbagh, 58, their son, Michael Sabbagh, 38, and Aida Naddi's brother-in-law, Osama Mashini, 38, an actor and comedian in Jordan.

Naddi also contended that his father-in-law was continuing an incestuous affair with his wife and planned to take her and the couple's two children back to Jordan.





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## EAST BRIEF

**Refugee admissions:** The Bush administration will hold admissions of refugees to the United States to 125,000 in the next fiscal year, an increase of slightly less than eight per cent from this year, according to a congressional source.

The administration, which doubled the allotment for people from the Soviet Union this year to 50,000, has decided the country cannot handle more and will leave the figure the same for the year beginning Oct 1, the source said yesterday.

The congressional source, affiliated with the immigration subcommittee of the senate judiciary committee, said, "the issue is not the numbers but the backlog." He estimated there are 20,000 Soviet emigrants in Rome and Vienna awaiting US decisions on their eligibility to enter the United States. (AP)

**3 killed in highway pile-up:** Up to 15 vehicles piled up during a multi-car pile-up on highway Interstate 80 near the Nevada Line, killing at least three people and injuring 12, the California highway patrol said.

Patrol dispatcher Vic Hopper said three deaths were confirmed in the 4 pm (2000 GMT) yesterday's accident.

About two inches (five centimetres) of hail fell on the area yesterday afternoon, and a tractor-trailer rig lost control on the slick pavement and crushed two cars against the guard rail. At least nine other vehicles piled up behind, a patrol spokeswoman said.

The highway was closed more than two hours after the crash, officials said. (AP)

**Conference on climate change:** Environmental ministers from at least 50 nations are expected here in November to discuss the mounting threats posed by pollution-induced climate changes, the Dutch government announced yesterday.

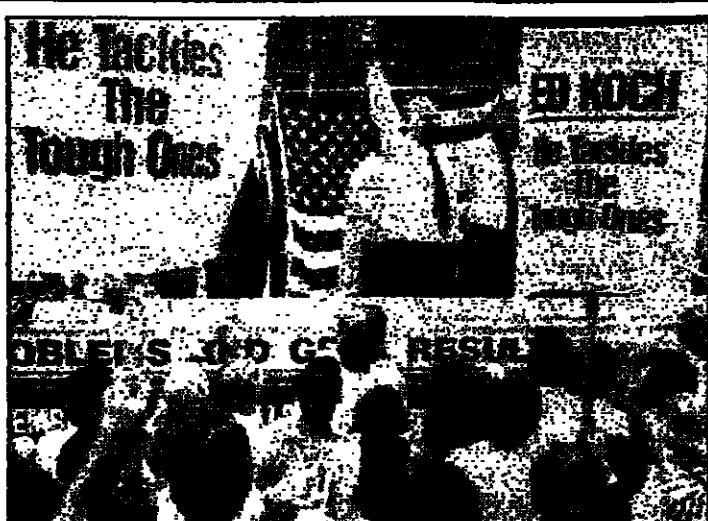
The conference, scheduled for Nov 6-7, will focus on ways to curb the gradual warming of the earth's atmosphere, or Greenhouse effect, by reducing carbon dioxide emissions from cars and factories worldwide, Environmental Ministry spokesman Paul Van Den Burg said.

Higher atmospheric temperatures may eventually lead to a rise in sea levels necessitating the evacuation of hundreds of millions from coastal plains, as well as a vast increase of drought zones in tropical areas. (AP)

**3 bodies found:** Three bodies were found yesterday on the outskirts of Guatemala City, one day after the discovery of the remains of three kidnapped students and a professor, authorities said.

The three bodies were not immediately identified, police and fire department officials said.

Like the bodies discovered earlier, the three corpses found yesterday had multiple gunshot wounds. The right hands on two of the bodies had



## Koch campaigns

New York Mayor Edward Koch faced a hard challenge on Tuesday in his bid for an unprecedented fourth four-year term. He was behind in opinion polls in the city's closest mayoral primary in 12 years.

No matter who wins the Democratic nomination, Koch and Manhattan Borough president David Dinkins agreed on one thing: a rally on Wednesday to kick off the fall campaign against the Republicans.

Dinkins had 48 per cent of the Democratic vote and Koch had 47 per cent in a late poll conducted on Sunday and Monday. On the Republican side, polls have shown former federal prosecutor Rudolph Giuliani leading with about two-thirds of the vote over cosmetics businessman Ronald Lauder, former ambassador to Austria.

Koch hasn't faced a battle like this since 1977, when he won the office after a close primary, followed by runoff and general election races against Mario Cuomo, now the governor of New York state. Koch handily won his primaries in 1981 and 1985. (Reuters wirephoto)

been severed, said authorities, who did not want to be identified by name.

No person or group has claimed responsibility for any of the killings. Authorities said they have no clues as to who is behind a series of bombings and slayings that began July 19 with an explosion that destroyed transmitters belonging to a television network. (AP)

## 12 Dominicans dead:

Twelve bodies were picked out of the water and the Dominican Navy searched yesterday for more victims after a boat loaded with illegal immigrants capsized, officials said.

The civil defence said the boat capsized Sept 5 three nautical miles west of Higüey. Civil defence officials said the search for survivors would be discontinued.

Civil Defence Director Eugenio Cabral said 70 persons were aboard the boat, which set sail last week from the Dominican Republic's east coast. Nine survivors had been rescued as of yesterday, he said.

The nine were treated in Higüey Hospital for dehydration, exposure and bruises. (AP)

## Plan to combat:

Senator Edward Kennedy, Democrat-Massachusetts, and representative Louis Stokes, Democrat-Ohio, announced plans to introduce legislation that would allocate more than \$400 million to combat minority health problems blamed for 60,000 deaths each year.

The disadvantaged minority

health improvement act, to be introduced, would authorise spending over the next three years to promote health and prevent disease among minorities, encourage minority students to enter the health professions and co-ordinate health programme for US territories in the Pacific.

"Despite the unprecedented explosion in scientific knowledge and the growing capacity of medical science to diagnose, treat, cure and prevent disease, most of our minority citizens have not benefited fully or equitably from these improvements or from those systems providing essential health care services," Kennedy said. (UPI)

**Bar inquiry:** The Massachusetts Bar has opened preliminary disciplinary proceedings against US Congressman Barney Frank, a Massachusetts Democrat, who recently admitted paying a male prostitute for sex, the Washington Times newspaper reports.

The bar is a law court for the legal profession. The proceedings were triggered when George Washington University professor John F. Banzhaf III last week filed a complaint with the state's board of overseers.

Assistant board counsel Terence Troyer told the Times in an interview from Boston on Friday, "the board's proceedings are automatic once a complaint has been filed. Frank has 20 days to respond in writing, and Banzhaf may then submit a counter-response. (AP)

## Confab charts anti-drug strategy

VIENNA, Sept 12, (AP): Top government and law-enforcement officials from about 100 countries convened yesterday to trade strategies at a UN conference on fighting illegal drug traffic.

"With worldwide traffic in drugs now second only to that in armaments we are forced to face the sobering fact that humankind is predominantly engaged in the commerce of self-destruction," Margaret J. Anstee, director general of the UN office in Vienna, told the opening of the

five-day meeting.

Praising Colombia's recent offensive against the cocaine-smuggling Medellín cartel, she said: "The Colombian government has been faced with a stark choice: it had either to declare an all-out war on the traffickers, or, in effect, to surrender."

"In an act of immense courage it has unequivocally chosen the former course and by so doing has earned itself a place in the history of what has become, for all of us, a world against drugs," Ms Anstee told

the delegates.

"If Colombia were to lose this war, we should all be lost," she said.

The meeting comes one week after US President George Bush proposed a \$7.9-billion war on narcotics with harsher penalties for American users, and pledged US military help to any government that requests it.

To attack cocaine at its source, Bush proposed a four-fold increase in the

amount of military and law enforcement aid for Colombia, Bolivia and Peru, to \$261.2 million in 1990.

Bush has already pledged Colombia's narcotics forces \$65 million in military equipment and much of it has been delivered.

The conference participants will review UN statistics on the latest trends in illicit drug seizures which show increases in all categories.

## We'll do it again, warns Pinochet

SANTIAGO, Sept 12, (AP): Right-wing military President Augusto Pinochet had tears in his eyes as he gave his last state-of-the-nation address yesterday, and said he is ready to take power again if necessary.

His 88-minute, broadcast live on national radio and television, marked the 16th anniversary of his bloody Sept 11, 1973 coup. He is to surrender rule to an elected civilian government next March.

As he spoke, riot police used water cannons and tear gas to scatter scores of demonstrators trying to enter Santiago's general cemetery to pay tribute to people killed in anti-leftist repression after the coup. No arrests were reported.

Similar disturbances were reported in the northern city of Iquique, 1,850 kms (1,100 miles) north of Santiago. Radio Cooperativa reported about 100 people were detained in Iquique.

Pinochet, 73, who commands the powerful Army, warned that the military will not allow the future civilian government to bring back "demagogic policies."

He spoke at length of economic progress under his administration, saying Chile was "very close to the most advanced nations."

Several thousand people lined Santiago's main boulevard to see Pinochet ride the eight blocks from the presidential palace to a government buildings to deliver his speech in front of 3,000 government officials, military officers, diplomats and other guests.

With his voice breaking and his eyes full of tears, he recalled "the unfair criticism" he has suffered and the unsuccessful attempt on his life three years ago.

He claimed his government has "restored an authentic democracy in Chile" and added, "in spite of all this, we would do it again if necessary, even if we had to offer our own lives."

The President announced an across-the-board 12 per cent salary increase for all government workers effective Dec 1. In addition, he said, all government employees will be paid a 6,000-peso (\$20) bonus this month.

Patricio Aylwin, a 70-year-old former senate president and law professor supported by a coalition of 17 opposition parties, is heavily favoured to win the December election.

Aylwin voiced confidence yesterday that he would win the December vote and said Chile's move to democracy was "irreversible."

The Christian Democrat also said that an Aylwin government would "shed light on the facts and bring to justice violations of human rights committed under a military junta since 1973."

## Iran-Contra judge seeks Bush papers

WASHINGTON, Sept 12, (Kuna): At the request of John Poindexter, former national security adviser, a US district court judge on the Iran-Contra affair has said that he would order former president Reagan and President Bush to turn over personal notes and diaries if Poindexter can prove them critical to his defence.

Judge Harold Greene also indicated that he would require Reagan and Bush to testify at Poindexter's trial if the retired admiral can show that he needs their evidence.

Poindexter's lawyers said that Bush, who was vice-president when the scandal broke, was personally briefed by Poindexter "anytime he missed a meeting" at which the Reagan administration's secret Iran-Contra operations were discussed.

Greene said that Poindexter's claims, if "literally correct," would clearly entitle him to the papers he is seeking. But the judge added that the defendant's assertions at last week's hearing were too "general and ambiguous" to support a final ruling.

## Bay of Pigs invasion commander found dead: suicide suspected

MIAMI, Sept 12, (AP): The commander of the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba was found dead at his home, a possible suicide, more than 28 years after the failed mission that haunted him, police and friends said.

Jose Alfredo Perez San Roman, 58, led the 1,500-man brigade of Cuban exiles in the abortive assault on their island homeland in April 1961. Defeated by Cuban troops, more than 1,000 of them were imprisoned for nearly two years.

## International drug trade Colombia tops

WASHINGTON, Sept 12, (AP): Colombia's Medellín and Cali cartels have dominated international drug trade for at least a decade with organisations that resemble corporations, according to a congressional report.

US law enforcement agencies agree that the Cali cartel, "although smaller in number, runs a much more business-like, less high-profile operation than the Medellín cartel," according to the report by minority staff members of the senate permanent subcommittee on investigations.

The Associated Press yesterday obtained a copy of the report, which was to be detailed at committee hearings today and tomorrow.

"We found that there are coherent, identifiable, fixed cocaine trafficking organisations which exist and have directed the international cocaine trade for at least 10 years," the report said.

"Medellín appears to be more loosely organised, informal and spontaneous in its operational style than Cali. In fact, some law enforcement officials believe Cali actually ships more cocaine to the United States than Medellín."

The Bush administration says 80 per cent of the cocaine in the United States is processed in and shipped from Colombia, although 60 per cent of the coca leaf is grown in Peru, 30 per cent in Bolivia and only 10 per cent in Colombia.

A rivalry between the Medellín and Cali cartels "does not yet appear to have either threatened the existence or significantly affected the operations of these two cartels," according to the report.

In addition to the two major cartels, there are "secondary trafficking groups" along Colombia's north coast that borders the Caribbean.

Many of those traffickers, the report said, "must a variety of their smuggling services" to the top two cartels as well as conduct their own trafficking operations.

The report doesn't attempt to determine how the organisations may have been affected by the crackdown imposed by Colombian President Virgilio Barco on Aug 18.

release Ruben Zuno Arce, 59, who has been held in federal jurisdictions in California and Texas for more than a month.

Zuno was arrested by US Immigration and Naturalisation Service officials in San Antonio on Aug 9 as a suspected narcotics trafficker. He also was wanted by a grand jury in Los Angeles for questioning as a material witness in the 1985 slaying of American drug agent Enrique Camarena in Mexico.

## Zuno pleads not guilty

LOS ANGELES, Sept 12, (UPI): A suspected narcotics trafficker and brother-in-law of former Mexican president Luis Echeverría pleaded innocent yesterday to federal perjury charges and said he would request his freedom on bail pending a Nov 7 trial.

Federal magistrate Venetia Tassopoulos, in accepting the plea, said US judge Robert Takasugi or another magistrate would decide later whether to

## 'US alert' for war on drugs

WASHINGTON, Sept 12, (AP): People in the United States accustomed to thinking about terrorism as a distant problem should prepare themselves for war on their doorsteps.

Hired hands of drug barons are known to have crossed US borders and have carried out assassinations, primarily on other drug traffickers.

They hired a team in 1987 that assassinated Barry Seal, a former drug pilot and informant for the US Drug Enforcement Administration, in Louisiana.

Robert Kupperman, a scholar at the Centre for Strategic International Studies, also noted that drug kingpins had hired the Colombian urban leftist guerrilla group M-19 in 1985 to storm the Palace of Justice in Bogotá and assassinate Supreme Court judges.

"They already operate here," he said. "If we take them on heavily—as I think we have to—they may decide to go to war."

Brian Michael Jenkins of the Rand Corporation agreed. If the United States is successful in extraditing drug figures for trial, "it is quite clear that this group... will respond violently. We have to anticipate the possibility of hostage taking."

Republican Sen. William Cohen, a senior member of the Senate intelligence committee, said the United States will have to move to more of a war footing if it is to make progress against terrorists of all stripes, including a shift in public opinion.

President Virgilio Barco launched an all-out war on the drug cartels three weeks ago. They responded with a wave of violence, including the killing yesterday of a popular former mayor of Medellín, Pablo Peláez González.

Peláez was mayor from 1984 through 1986 and founded a local movement called "Love for Medellín" which attempted to eliminate drug gangs.

"He took it quite personally," said Ferrer-Mena. "He felt responsible for every man who died there, and every widow and child left without a father."

Robert Kennedy, then US Attorney general, said Perez San Roman told him after his repatriation from Cuba that 10 times many troops would have been needed to succeed.

Failure of the invasion plan has been attributed to limited backing from the US government and almost no air support.

Col. Ramon J. Ferrer-Mena, Perez San Roman's chief of staff at the Bay of Pigs, said his commander took the defeat personally and didn't accept the mission's failure, even as it collapsed around the small exile invasion force.

"By the middle of the invasion, I was convinced that everything went wrong," Ferrer-Mena said yesterday. "But he never accepted that—even when we were in the swamps."

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## Now, hot nuclear fusion in lab

BROOKHAVEN, New York, Sept. 12 (AP) — Researchers at Brookhaven National Laboratory, hoping to some day produce clean and efficient nuclear energy, have achieved a major milestone in the quest for nuclear fusion.

The Robert Serber said the fusion of a cluster of up to 1,200 molecules at a stationary fuel target produced "something we have expected to see" — a small amount of nuclear energy.

"This is very new ground," he said. "The work to create nuclear fusion that began in the spring, with money from the Federal Department of Energy, Serber said the method needs much improvement because it now only results in a small burst of nuclear energy once every 10 billion times it is tried.

"I would classify this as a new approach that has not been tried by anybody else before. There may be promise," he said.

The findings were accepted for publication in the Sept. 18 issue of the journal, *Physical Review Letters*, he said in a telephone interview.

Researchers do not want to trumpet their findings when it is too early to tell how the new process will do at higher temperatures and with other variables.

"The ultimate goal would be the harnessing of fusion energy," he said. "This goal has been going on for 40 years with other projects."

There is considerable interest in the scientific community in harnessing the energy of nuclear fusion because it would be a clean and safe form of nuclear energy.

Fusion involves the combining of atoms and should be safer than fission, atom-splitting used to produce nuclear power.

Two researchers at the University of Utah started scientists with a March 23 announcement that they had produced so-called "cold fusion" by sustaining a fusion reaction by running an electrical current between electrodes of palladium and platinum immersed in heavy water, which instead of normal hydrogen contains the heavier isotope deuterium.

At subsequent scientific gatherings, the two were accused of shoddy research and criticized for not publishing enough information to enable others to duplicate their results, although the research in Utah continues.

Serber said fusion "would be very clean and very efficient. I know the public perception of nuclear power. This form of energy would be very safe."

## Clear pic of solar flare taken

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (AP) — Space scientists got more than they'd hoped for yesterday in a mission to photograph the sun, when their rocket's seven-minute trip coincided with a solar flare.

"It was just about perfect. There was even a flare, and it was right near the centre of the sun. So far as that goes, it couldn't have been better," said Leon Golub of the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics in a telephone interview from Sacramento Peaks observatory in Sunspot, New Mexico.

Golub, who devised the experiment, and a team of collaborators worked for five years developing the X-ray camera that shot 40 images of the sun on the mission.

The camera was mounted in a 50-foot (15-metre) rocket that left White Sands missile base at 10:30 a.m. (1630 GMT), blasting 200 miles (320 kilometres) above the earth.

At that altitude, the view of "weak" X-rays from the sun is unobscured by the atmosphere, Golub explained.

The \$500,000 spacecraft parachuted gently to the desert floor at 10:37 a.m. (1637 GMT).

Even before it landed, Golub was aware of the mission's fortuitous timing: a US air force weather satellite that monitors solar activity beamed news of the flare to a Boulder, Colorado, laboratory to which Golub was linked by computer.

# Burma forces activists into 'death march'

BANGKOK, Sept. 12 (AP) — The Burmese Army has forced as many as 500 political prisoners, most of them students, into "death marches" as military porters in northern Burma jungle, several sources say.

One escapee was quoted as saying at least 14 of the prisoners died.

"Those who stumbled and fell and were unable to march were brutally beaten to death," said a report received in Bangkok. The report came from the Kachin Independence Organisation.

On Friday, a spokesman for Burma's military government, Col Aung Thein, denied the report. But since then, three other independent sources have provided varying degrees of detail on the marches.

"We understand that political prisoners were conscripted to serve as porters in the north," said one Western diplomatic source contacted in Rangoon. "There they were given virtually nothing to eat, made to walk barefoot, abused and taunted."

The Kachins said the prisoners were bound together by ropes in a chain — hand-to-hand, foot-to-foot — and each was forced to haul heavy loads of rice over some 40 kilometres (25 miles) of rough jungle terrain.

They were stripped of their shoes and articles of clothing, beaten and taunted by the army escorts, who shouted: "This is what democracy is all about."

Almost a year ago, on Sept. 18, a junta of military officers declared a coup and brutally ended months of pro-democracy demonstrations in the southeast Asian nation. A new wave of arrests began in late July following small-scale protests and the arrest of several leading opposition figures.

The US State Department charged last week that thousands had been arrested over the past seven weeks and some tortured in detention.

"The United States government condemns these acts of oppression," spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said.

The Kachin report quoted one porter who escaped on Aug. 12 as saying he saw 14 students who had died after beatings. The porter said at least three of the students died each day, and quoted guards as saying the prisoners were deliberately being marched to death in the Namtu area.

Villagers living along the Namtu-Mongmaw-Mongyin road told the Kachins the military had forced them to bury the dead. The fate of the surviving prisoners was not known, the sources said.

One source, who asked not to be further identified, said he saw the group rounded up in a football stadium in Namtu before the marches began. He estimated that two-thirds of the group were people in their 20s while the rest were between 30 and 40 years of age.

## Murderous Filipino commies face trial

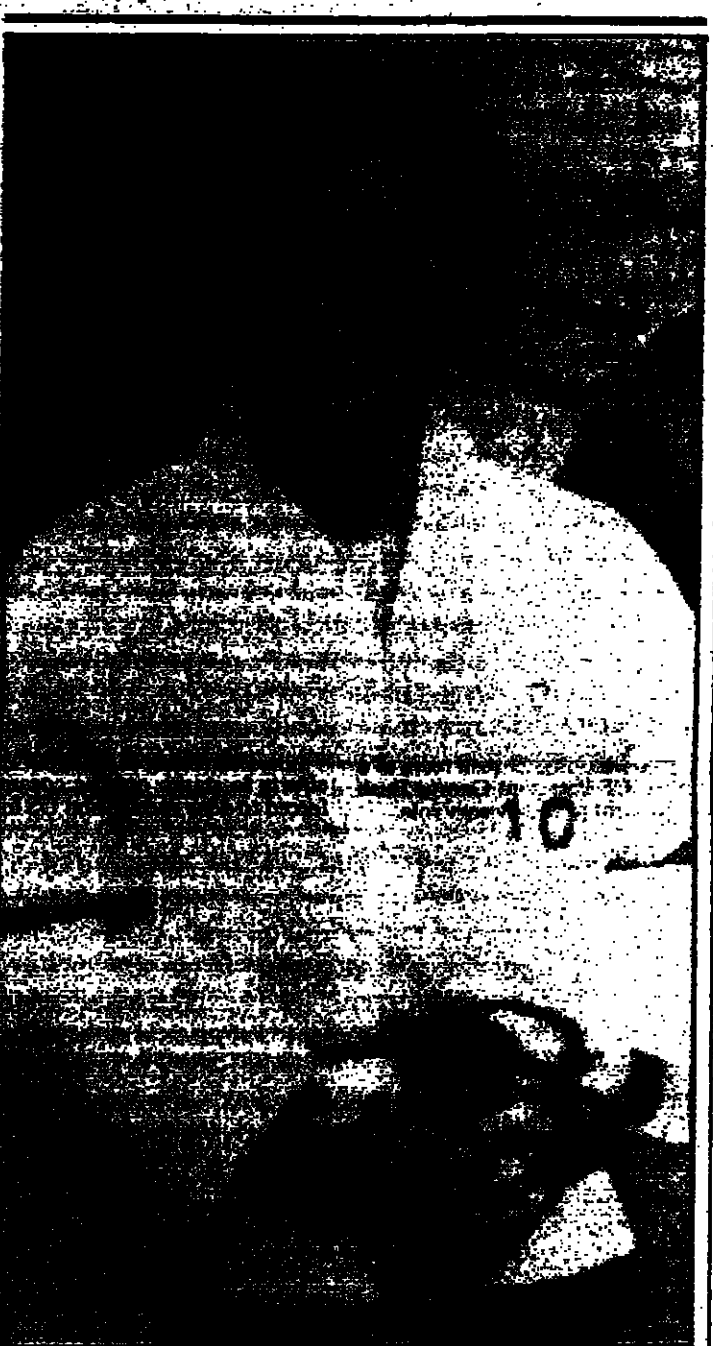
### Reds admit political mistakes

MANILA, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — A rebel flag-finding panel has urged the Philippine communist leadership to put on trial a guerrilla platoon who killed 37 people, mostly women and children, in a clash with vigilantes.

President Corason Aquino's government used the June 25 incident, one of the bloodiest episodes of the 26-year insurgency, to portray the rebels as terrorists and worse violators of human rights than the military.

A panel formed by the rebel leadership to investigate the incident recommended the immediate trial of the guerrillas "for probable guilt" in the deaths of innocent civilians, the group said in a report sent to Reuters today.

The military had said the victims were killed by the rebels while they were praying inside a village chapel in the southern province of Davao del Sur.



## Suh's trial postponed

The trial of an opposition lawmaker charged with espionage and making a secret visit to communist North Korea was postponed on Tuesday after defense lawyers said they had been blocked from meeting with their client.

Senior Judge Hong Suk-Jae accepted the defense's request to postpone the trial of Rep. Suh Kyung-Won but did not say when the hearing would resume.

One court source, requesting anonymity, said the trial would resume next week.

As soon as the first session opened at the Seoul district criminal court, Park Sang-Chun, representing the defense, sought the postponement, saying his client was denied a meeting with lawyers in violation of the criminal code.

Park said Suh had been allowed to see lawyers only once since his arrest in June. Prosecutors questioned him almost ceaselessly, rejecting his repeated requests to see lawyers, Park added.

Suh, 52, is charged with espionage in connection with his secret visit to North Korea in August 1988. His trip did not become known until late June, when he was arrested by intelligence authorities.

Picture shows Suh walking towards a Seoul courtroom today dressed in traditional prison clothes. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Seoul ready to resume talks

SEOUL, Sept. 12 (AP) — Spurred by President Roh Tae-Woo's new unification plan, South Korean officials said today, their country was ready to resume suspended talks and political contacts with North Korea.

South Korea's unification ministry officials said they want three channels of dialogue reopened soon, beginning with Red Cross talks on Sept. 27.

In a message sent today through a border hotline, South Korea proposed sports delegates from North and South Korea meet Oct. 20 at the border town of Panmunjom for talks on forming a single team for next year's Asian Games in Beijing.

South Korean officials also expressed hopes political contacts would resume early next month to discuss preparations for a meeting of prime ministers for the first time since the division of the peninsula in 1945.

The prime ministers' meeting has been called to work out joint measures to reduce military and political tension on the Korean peninsula.

Inter-Korean dialogue was suspended in April after North Korea protested the arrest of a South Korean dissident who made an illegal visit to the North.

More recently, South Korea has rejected a series of North Korean calls for political and other talks to protest North Korea's welcoming of unauthorized visits by South Korean citizens to the North, including a radical student who attended the July 1-8 world festival of youth and students.

The south has accused the communist North of encouraging South Korean dissidents to stir up unrest and political confusion.

The rebel panel said the civilians were caught in the cross-fire after local anti-communist vigilantes herded them into a house where the guerrillas had taken up battle positions.

But it said the deaths of non-combatants could have been avoided if the guerrillas had "exercised political wisdom and restraint" and withdrawn when they realised civilians were in the house.

The Philippine military said today captured rebel leader Satur Ocampo had admitted in documents seized from him that the guerrillas had suffered strategic setbacks with the capture by the military of hundreds of rebel-held villages in the past three years.

Ocampo blamed the loss of the villages on low quality and inexperienced guerrillas, political mistakes and failure of the leadership to provide direction, the military said.

In the country's other insurgency fight against Muslim separatist rebels, a senior official said the government would urge the rebels to take part in a plebiscite to decide on semi-autonomy for Muslim areas of the south.

Cabinet Secretary Jose de Jesus told reporters Manila would try to gain a commitment for peaceful conduct in the November 19 referendum from rebels opposed to the idea of Muslim autonomous region.

The military has filed rebellion charges against nine senior communist officials arrested in a series of raids last week in the central city of Cebu, the Philippine news agency said.

The state-run news agency quoted city prosecutor Jufekinto Pareja as saying the charges were filed yesterday in a trial court in Cebu City, about 360 miles (575 kilometres) southeast of Manila.

Pareja said he had recommended no bail for the rebel leaders, captured last Wednesday and Thursday in separate raids in three areas in Cebu.

Those arrested included Federico Gonzon, an alternate member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines, and the Rev. Leonardo Sison, believed to be the regional chairman of the Christians for National Liberation, a communist-led organisation of priests and nuns.

## 624 held in Nepal

KATHMANDU, Sept. 12 (AP) — Nepalese authorities arrested 624 activists for an outlawed political party after they allegedly promoted "propaganda" critical of the government, official sources said yesterday.

Sources said 108 were later released.

Those arrested were some of about 800 activists participating in "awareness week" last week, said Krishna Prasad Bhattarai, leader of outlawed Nepali Congress Party.

The movement was launched to publicize charges that the current single-party government has engaged in "bad policy," Bhattarai said. Among Nepal's problems is soaring inflation, he said.

## 'Boat people' face ouster

TOKYO, Sept. 12 (AP) — More than 600 Chinese, many of whom entered Japan recently posing as Vietnamese boat people, will be sent home to be "dealt with according to Chinese law," the government said today.

"We hope the punishment will not be harsh, but at that point it will be an internal matter," Toshio Tsumozaki, director of the Foreign Ministry's Human Rights and Refugee Division, told the Associated Press.

Today, the cabinet also approved a new policy of rejecting Indo-Chinese boat people who come in search of economic betterment. Until now, Japan had given landing permits to any Indo-Chinese who came by boat.

The government hopes some of the boat people will return home voluntarily. Otherwise, Tsumozaki said, alternatives open to Japan "would include some element of involuntary repatriation."

Vietnam has said it will not accept citizens who are forcibly returned.

Meanwhile, about 88 per cent of Vietnamese boat people languishing in Hong Kong's forced detention centres face deportation, the government said in figures released today.

Over the past year, just 424 Vietnamese among the 3,455 cases reviewed by the government won the right to stay in Hong Kong until they can be resettled elsewhere, the figures said.

Government officials said they expected further review would follow the pattern of the first year and that about 88 per cent of the refugees would be denied the right to temporary stay in the colony.

### Screening

At a news conference to disclose the findings, Francis Blackwell, chairman to the Refugee Status Review Board, one of two agencies supervising the screening process, said most of the Vietnamese were "economic migrants" and not political refugees.

As such they should be returned home, he said.

"Real refugees are hard to find," Blackwell said. "Lies are legion for many migrants who pose as refugees and try to deceive not only the director of immigration but also the board."

Britain and Vietnam are currently negotiating on the forced return of the boat people to Vietnam, Blackwell said. It would take about two years for his board to finish screening all the boat people in Hong Kong to determine who was a refugee and who was simply an "economic migrant."

Although he did not name the United States, Blackwell criticised it for opposing forced repatriation, calling it a "Poisonous Fiasco."

### Divided

That country, he said, "washed (its) hands of the matter some 14 years ago," a reference to America's withdrawal from the Vietnam war.

When asked whether he meant America, Blackwell replied, "who devastated Vietnam?"

Hong Kong's 55,865 Vietnamese boat people are divided up into two groups, those who arrived before June 16, 1988 and those who arrived after.

The 100,000 who arrived before that date were automatically given refugee status and many were resettled in third countries. Currently, about 13,000 remain in Hong Kong, awaiting resettlement. They live in open camps and have the right to work.



Supporters of Chinese dissidents hold an impromptu photo exhibition marking the 100th day of the Tiananmen Square massacres outside town hall in Paris. (Reuters wirephoto)

## China firms its grip

### 100th day of massacre

## Movement forever

HONG KONG, Sept. 12 (UPI) — About 15,000 people crowded into Victoria Park tonight for a memorial ceremony to mark the 100th day since the June 4 massacre in Beijing when troops crushed the pro-democracy movement in China.

Organisers said they aimed to show that "those who sacrificed their lives in Tiananmen Square in the fight for freedom and democracy are not forgotten."

After standing for a minute's silence, local movie stars and popular entertainers joined the crowd in speeches and singing as speaker after speaker condemned the crackdown.

Hawkers were busy selling miniature replicas of the "Goddess of Democracy" statue which has been erected by activists in Tiananmen Square but was toppled by tanks when the troops moved in.

The rally organisers, the Hong Kong alliance in support of the patriotic democratic movement in China, said in a written declaration that "the clique masterminding the suppression of the patriotic democratic movement must be kept responsible for the Beijing massacre."

"We take solemn oath that we will, under whatever pressure, perpetually support the fight for democracy, freedom, human rights and the rule of law in mainland China."

In nearby Happy Valley, a group of 15 protesters continued their two-day hunger strike outside the offices of the Xinhua news agency, which acts as China's unofficial embassy in Hong Kong.

In Paris, giant green banners printed in Chinese flutter high above a shopfront on one of the most exclusive streets. "They say and the earth mourn those whose blood flowed for a new China," says one.

The boutique, where designer Yves Saint-Laurent launched see-through blouses and trousers for women in the 1960s, was donated to Chinese dissidents by the fashion king last July after the Army crushed the pro-democracy movement.

One of the few students still willing to speak openly to a foreign reporter ruled out the possibility of unrest this week or on October 1, the 40th anniversary of the People's Republic, which will be marked by organised mass dancing, fireworks displays and band music in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

"The atmosphere is very bad. No-one trusts each other on the campuses now," he said. "There isn't room to even discuss doing anything like that."

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## FAA will order structural modifications of DC jetliners in US

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP) — The US Federal Aviation Administration said yesterday it will order structural modifications to ensure the safety of 1,153 older McDonnell Douglas DC-10, DC-9, DC-8 and MD-80 jetliners flown by US airlines.

The FAA announcement came during a news conference by an industry-government task force that recommended work to increase the safety of 1,900 McDonnell Douglas aircraft in service throughout the world.

The task force on aging airliners estimated the modifications would cost \$563 million over the next 20 years for the world-wide fleet, an average of \$290,000 per aircraft.

None of the work is urgent and the airlines remain safe to fly, said Clyde Kizer, spokesman for the task force set up 14 months ago by the airline industry's Air Transport Association.

The FAA order covers only US planes over the next four years, with work

required as each airliner logs a set number of landings, and would total \$53 million, said Ray Ramakis, assistant FAA director of maintenance programme.

Industry officials said many of the changes already are being made at airline maintenance bases and no disruptions of service or fare increases are expected as a result of the orders.

Foreign airlines and regulatory agencies generally adopt FAA orders for US-built aircraft.

Ramakis said the FAA would issue formal "airworthiness directives" within the next few days. They would become law after a period of several weeks for public comment.

He said the orders will affect 218 DC-8s, 568 DC-9s, 173 MD-80s and 194 DC-10s, with additional aircraft added as they accumulate service time.

The orders will include modifications to the fuselages, landing gears and doors of the airliners, he said.

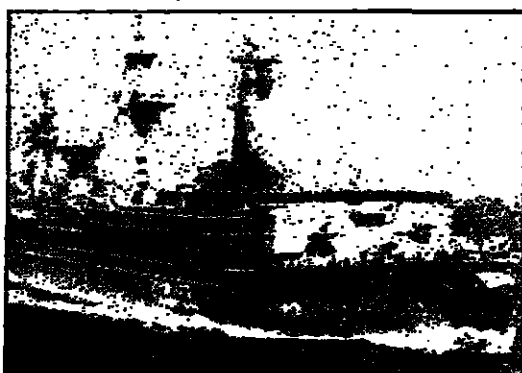


## NEWS IN BRIEF



## Welcome Dalai Lama

The Dalai Lama, the Tibetan spiritual leader and former ruler of Tibet being welcomed by a Tibetan girl traditionally dressed just before the start of the Tibetan youth congress on Sept 11 in the Himalayan town of Meledol. He told advocating guerrilla war against China violence would be suicidal. (Reuter wirephoto)



## Gigantic

The Soviet Navy's nuclear-powered naval auxiliary SSV-33 of the Kapusta class, recently deployed from the Baltic Sea en route to a new home port in the Pacific Ocean, is the largest ship ever completed in the Baltic. (Reuter wirephoto)



## Soviet-Indonesia co-op

President Mikhail Gorbachev and Indonesian President Suharto yesterday signed a wide-ranging statement pledging co-operation in arms control, ecology and trade. Tass reported.

The official news agency said the two leaders signed the eight-page document in the Kremlin during the first visit of an Indonesian president to the Soviet Union in 25 years.

Picture shows Gorbachev and Suharto exchanging copies of the statement. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Chip can think

LONDON, Sept 12. (Kuna): The world's first computer chip that can think for itself has been developed in Britain, it was announced here today.

The neural chip, which will give robots intelligence, is the result of brilliant work by young computer scientist, Dr Simon Jones, at the University of Wales in Bangor.

Dr Jones, 31, announced the breakthrough today during a function at the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

He told the annual meeting that like the human brain, the new chip had its own neural networks.

But he warned that his team's work was not progressing as fast as it could, because of a shortage of money for research in Britain.

## Equal rights for transsexuals

The European Parliament today called for an end to discrimination against people who decide to change sex.

It said in a resolution that sex change surgery and any related psychological treatment should be reimbursed by the 12 European Economic Community governments.

The parliament also demanded legal protection of transsexuals at the workplace, saying that between 60 and 80 per cent of people who change sex are unemployed. (Reuter)

## Etna spews lava

Mount Etna, Europe's most active volcano, rumbled, spewed lava and lit up the night sky in a new eruption.

Civil defence officials said there was no immediate danger of inhabited areas because the lava has not flowed below 5,300 feet (2,600 metres).

"It's spectacular, a lot of molten ash has poured out," said Silvio Penna of the newspaper La Sicilia.

Etna was shaken by tremors over the weekend and the eruption began yesterday in a crater 9,900 feet (3,000 metres) high on the southeastern slope, said Renato Cristofolini, an expert monitoring the volcanic activity. (AP)

## Bush to approve

Anti-nuclear activists are protesting the launch next month of a nuclear-powered space probe, but officials say US President George Bush will not block the flight.

The President is expected by next week to authorise the use of a 48-pound nuclear generator to provide electrical power for the Galileo spacecraft, scheduled for launch to Jupiter from the shuttle Atlantis on Oct 12.

The nuclear power plant is similar to the one the Voyager 2 spacecraft used as successful on its 12-year journey to Neptune and beyond, and on 21 other space devices. (AP)

## Space rocket launch

A space rocket will be launched from an airborne plane for the first time next month, Western European space officials said today.

The experimental flight will shoot an unmanned Pegasus rocket horizontally from the underbelly of a B-52 bomber in the United States at a height of between 12,000 and 16,000 metres (40,000 and 45,000 feet).

Its own rockets will then fire it into space.

Western European space firm Arianeespace, which already controls more than half the world's commercial satellite market, says the 15-metre (48-foot) long, 22-tonne Pegasus will be used to carry small satellites into space if the market proves large enough. (Reuter)

## Swiss to change law

The canton of Zurich has proposed to the federal council to change the narcotics law, a Swiss daily reported today.

By 76 votes to 67, the Grand Council of Zurich voted for a legalisation of hashish and for a decriminalisation of use of hard drugs as well as their acquisition for personal use, the Tribune de Geneve reported.

The new proposal by the largest canton in Switzerland recognises the inefficiency of the narcotics laws till date and the need to develop new strategies to deal with the problem, the paper noted. (Kuna)

## Soviet delegation arrives

Chinese officials today welcomed the first Soviet parliamentary delegation to visit China since the two countries normalised relations in May.

The six-member Supreme Soviet delegation, led by Anatoly Lukyanov, vice president of its presidium, will be in China for six days, and is to tour the cities of Wuhan and Shanghai, Soviet officials said.

It is the first parliamentary group to come to China since Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev normalised party and government ties in a May visit, the first by a Soviet leader to China in 30 years. Gorbachev's trip was overshadowed by the sweeping pro-democracy demonstrations. (AP)

## Cheney warns of veto

Defence Secretary Dick Cheney warned Congress yesterday that he would urge President Bush to veto its defence bill if the House of Representatives version cutting new programmes is approved.

"The House bill would decimate our strategic (weapons) modernisation programme and unnecessarily impair relations with our NATO allies," Cheney said in a letter. "If this bill were presented to the President, I would recommend that he veto it."

The House bill would scrap Bush's mobile nuclear missile plans, hold up the Stealth B-2 bomber programme until the air force cuts its \$70 billion cost and slash \$1.8 billion off Bush's "Star Wars" anti-missile research request. (Reuter)

## Underwent thorough inspection

The Norwegian Charter plane that crashed off the Denmark coast Friday killing 55 people underwent 600 hours of inspection and maintenance at Kelowna Flightcraft Ltd. this summer, says a company spokesman.

"We certainly did a thorough inspection," Jim Rogers, part owner of Flightcraft and its director of maintenance, said Sunday.

Hans-Joergen Hansen, director of rescue operations for Denmark, has attributed the crash of Partnair Airlines' Convair CV-580 Metropolitan turbo-prop to metal fatigue. (AP)

## Heading for USSR

Several thousand Scandinavian young people are headed for Moscow this week in hopes of meeting Soviet youth and demonstrating against the arms race and nuclear power, organisers said today.

## Palme murder case

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Sept 12. (AP): Attorneys for the convicted killer of Prime Minister Olof Palme asked an appellate court tomorrow to overturn the conviction for lack of evidence.

Christer Pettersson, a 42-year-old Swede with a long criminal record, was convicted last July of fatally shooting Palme in 1986 and was sentenced to life in prison. The verdict was split, however, with the only two professional judges on the lower court panel voting to acquit.

"He totally lacked a motive to murder Palme," defence attorney Arne Liljeros said on the opening day of the appeal.



Brundtland talks with journalists about the elections. (Reuter wirephoto)

## US indecisive: Moscow

## Bush accused of depriving world of arms accord

MOSCOW, Sept 12. (AP): Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze accused US President George Bush yesterday of depriving the world of major arms control agreements by not taking advantage of opportunities created by the administration of former president Reagan.

Shevardnadze made the harsh criticism in an interview with the government daily Izvestia in advance of his Sept 22-23 meeting with US Secretary of State James Baker.

The criticism was remarkable because it dealt not only with arms control but the US attitude toward perestroika, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's reform programme. It contrasted with generally optimistic com-

ments by Soviet officials lately about US-Soviet relations.

"I think that because of the restrained, indecisive position of the American administration, both the USA and the USSR, as well as the entire world community, have lost a lot," Shevardnadze said in the interview, which was splashed across a half-page.

He contrasted the "constraint and timidity" of the Bush administration on arms control with progress made during Reagan's presidency, which ended in January.

"After recent stormy years, a peculiar lull has set in. The tempo of movement toward new agreements, in any case on the key directions of real nuclear disarmament, don't sat-

isfy us," Shevardnadze said.

The Soviet envoy contrasted the 1987 superpower agreement to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear weapons with a lack of progress under Bush on pacts to reduce strategic, or long-range, nuclear weapons and ban nuclear weapons tests.

In June, he said, Soviet negotiators entered resumed talks on strategic arms with fresh proposals, but despite "promised new ideas," our American partners frequently preferred to cite a lack of principle decisions in Washington," he said.

■ The United States and the Soviet Union are near an accord on a detailed plan for trial inspections of each others' chemical weapons.

## Sever RC link, urge Jews

LONDON, Sept 12. (AP): The dispute over a convent at the Auschwitz death camp has led the European Jewish Congress to call for suspending contacts with the Roman Catholic church.

Lionel Kopelowitz, a British Jewish leader who is the new president of the 12-nation congress, said yesterday that suspending formal contacts has been endorsed at the group's recent two-day meeting.

Theo Klein, leader of the French delegation to the two-day annual meeting and a former president of the congress, said he has asked Jewish organisations world-wide to suspend official contacts with the Catholic church. He said he had encountered no dissent.

## Issue

"At issue is the word of the church. It is difficult to speak with someone when you have this kind of problem," said Theo Klein, leader of the French delegation to the annual meeting and a former conference president.

"Each organisation is free to make its own policy, so I cannot say to you that all organisations have stopped dialogue, but I think so," added Klein, who negotiated a 1987 agreement with Catholic representatives under which the convent was to have been moved earlier this year.

He spoke at a news conference after the two-day annual meeting of the congress, which was dominated by the convent issue.

In a resolution, the congress urged swift removal of the convent.

"Auschwitz itself is holy ground," said Kopelowitz. "It needs no memorial of any sort to any faith... It is soaked in the blood of all those who died."

Under the 1987 accord negotiated in Geneva between international Jewish and Catholic leaders, including Polish Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, it was agreed the convent should be removed by last Feb 22.

But the convent, located in a hut where the Nazis stored gas used to murder Jews, remains with the evident backing of the Polish prime minister, Cardinal Jozef Glemp. He has said the Geneva agreement was not negotiated by "competent people."

## Debates

The issue has split Catholics and revived debates about lingering anti-Semitism in Europe. Many Jews regard the convent at the camp, where at least 2.5 million Jews were among the estimated 4 million Auschwitz victims, as an offensive intrusion.

In Washington, the World Jewish Congress said yesterday it has filed a complaint with Unesco, the United Nations cultural agency, charging that a Carmelite Convent on the grounds of the Nazi's Auschwitz death camp violates a 1972 UN agreement.

"Under terms of the Unesco convention, Poland is obligated to ensure that the character of the Auschwitz site is not altered," Kalman Saitanik, vice-president of World Jewish Congress, said in announcing the complaint.

## Sejm approves new cabinet

## Soviets ready to co-operate

WARSAW, Sept 12. (AP): Lawmakers approved the first non-communist-led government in the East Bloc today after Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki urged them to change virtually every aspect of Polish life.

The vote was 402-0 in favour, with 13 abstentions.

Mazowiecki, smiling, lifting his hands in the "V" for victory sign that had so long represented illegal opposition to the communist government. The Parliament (Sejm) rose to applause.

As names of the new cabinet ministers were read, the loudest ovation went to Labour Minister-Elect Jacek Kuron, a Solidarity activist who spent nine years in prison for his government opposition.

"My biggest dream has come true," Mazowiecki said as he left Parliament after the formal appointment ceremony.



Mazowiecki: thirst quenched

## List of cabinet

WARSAW, Sept 12. (UPI): Here is the cabinet of Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, as approved today by the Polish parliament:

Prime Minister: Tadeusz Mazowiecki

Deputy prime ministers: Czeslaw Janczyk — Peasant Party, Czeslaw Kiszczak — Communist Party, Jan Janowski — Democratic Party, Leszek Balcerowicz — Solidarity.

Government positions, Solidarity: Construction — Aleksander Paszynski, Industry — Tadeusz Syryjczyk, Education — Henryk Samsonowicz, Contacts with the parties — Aleksander Hall, Culture — Izabella Cywinski, Labour — Jacek Kuron, Finance — Leszek Balcerowicz, Council for the Economy — Witold Trzeciakowski, Undersecretary for Prime Minister — Jacek Ambrozjak, Central Planning Office — Jerzy Osiatynski, Foreign Ministry — Krzysztof Skubiszewski (independent — linked with church and Solidarity).

Communist Party: Interior Ministry — Czeslaw Kiszczak, Defence Ministry — Florian Siwicki, Transportation — Franciszek Adam Wielader, Foreign Trade — Marek Swietlicki.

Peasant Party: Justice — Aleksander Benikowski, Agriculture — Czeslaw Janicki, Health — Andrzej Kosiniak-Kamysz, Environment — Bronislaw Kaminski.

Democratic Party: Home Trade — Aleksander Mackiewicz, Communication — Marek Kucharski, Office for Technical Development — Jan Janowski.

Rural Solidarity, Rural Social Affairs — Artur Balazs.

The positions of director of local administration, which went to Communist Party member Jerzy Kolodziejki, and information and radio-TV, which is still vacant, are not part of the cabinet and do not need confirmation by Parliament.

"For the first time in half a century, Poland has a government that can be considered by millions of people as their own," Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said from Gdansk.

Members of the Solidarity trade union movement held about half of the seats on the council of ministers, as the cabinet is called. But the communists will continue to wield influence, through the presidency and control of the defence and police. The new government has also professed its loyalty to the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact military alliance.

In Moscow, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady I. Gerasimov said of the new government: "We are prepared to co-operate with that government and develop our relations with Poland."

Mazowiecki, a Solidarity editor who last month became Poland's first non-communist prime minister in more than 40 years, promised in a speech before the vote that his government would overhaul all institutions previously controlled by the communists.

He said the country's economic crisis was swelling the ranks of the poor and called for immediate action against triple-digit inflation, including tax reform, making the zloty convertible with Western currency and creating a stock exchange.

"The new government will act under the pressure that at any moment the construction of democracy that only just started can collapse under the economic crisis," he said.

The Solidarity-led government is faced with a \$39-billion foreign debt and a work force demoralised by long lines for scarce, poor quality goods.

Mazowiecki received an ovation as he, Communist President Wojciech Jaruzelski and lawmakers convened in the bustling, columned parliament chamber.

After speaking for 40 minutes and taking several sips of water, Mazowiecki, looking exhausted but composed, asked for a recess.

Doctors checked his heart and blood pressure, but said he appeared to be simply exhausted, said Dr Zofia Kuratowska, a senator and Solidarity activist.

Mazowiecki also suffers from a degenerative spinal disease that makes it difficult for him to stand for extended periods, she said.

When he returned after 45 minutes, the prime minister apologised and said: "I am very sorry but this is a result of several weeks of too intensive work, and I have reached the same condition as the Polish economy. But I have overcome it and I hope the economy will do it as well."

## Yeltsin meets Bush in 'drop by'

WASHINGTON, Sept 12. (Agencies): Maverick Soviet politician Boris Yeltsin met US President George Bush for about 15 minutes today, but the White House played down the meeting's importance to avoid the appearance it was interfering in Moscow's internal affairs.

Bush had been scheduled to see Yeltsin for just a few minutes during what the White House described as a "drop by" at a 75-minute meeting between Yeltsin and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft.

The White House said the longer talk still qualified as a "drop by." Reporters and photographers were barred from the session and the White House said it would not follow its customary practice of releasing an official photograph.

"We do want to be clear that United States policy is to support glasnost and perestroika and the reforms under way in the Soviet Union and, so, we didn't want to indicate we were trying to provide a platform for dissent," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said of Bush's decision to limit his talk with Yeltsin.

He said the White House regarded Yeltsin as an important spokesman for his point of view, but added: "We don't want to do anything to foster internal conflict that might be associated with his tour."

Yeltsin cut short a talk in Baltimore after hearing he would be received at the White House.

Yeltsin says the Soviet Union must move swiftly to decentralise its government as part of a solution to quell nationalist uprisings in its republics.

Speaking yesterday evening at Columbia University, Yeltsin said the Kremlin for too long has suppressed the self-interest of numerous peoples within its realm of power.

"The feeling of national dignity was constantly being crushed in our country," he said. "If they even wanted to build a school, they had to go hat in hand, so to speak, to Moscow. It was very offensive."

Yeltsin, 58, a maverick ousted as Moscow's communist party chief in 1987 but then elected to parliament with overwhelming popular support, arrived in New York Saturday on private tour.

Once stability was achieved in an area, it should be allowed self-determination and decide its relationship with the Soviet Union.

"That should really be left up to them to decide," he said to applause from the more than 700 people who packed the university's low memorial library rounds.

Giving the Soviet hotspots more power to govern themselves would greatly reduce tensions, he said.

The problem is serious enough, he said, that he was cutting his two-week tour short by a week to attend a special meeting in Moscow to discuss it.

If the problem is to be solved, the politburo must be reinvigorated with progressive-thinking leaders, Yeltsin said.

## Labour suffers setback as voters switch

## Brundtland likely to remain in office

OSLO, Sept 12. (AP): When the dust settled today from Norway's turbulent national election, not much seemed to have changed.

Voters switched as never before. A radical right-wing party went into the election with two Parliament seats and came out with 22. A far-left party, led by a 34-year-old with an aversion to neckties, doubled its strength. The governing Labour Party suffered its worst showing since 1930.

But Labour remained the largest party, and Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland seemed likely to remain in office — at least for now.

As before, Brundtland and her allies were left just shy of a majority. But it was unclear if the opposition parties could overcome their differences to unseat her.

According to official results with all but the absentee ballots counted, Labour won 63 seats in an expanded 165-seat Storting, and 17 seats went to its allied Socialist Left Party.

A lone independent, Anders Aune, won a seat on a local list after he broke with Labour.

The opposition Conservative Party won 37 seats, the Christian Democrats 14 seats and the Centre Party 11.

Shunned as a partner by all the others

because it has challenged the basic principles of Norway's social democracy, the Party of Progress swept up 22 seats, indicating disenchantment with 40 years of social welfare policies.

Voters were apparently expressing their displeasure over record unemployment of five per cent, and a growing shortage of hospitals, day-care centres and facilities for the aged.

"There is a clear polarization in the system," said Bernt Ole Aardal, of the independent institute for social research.

"The campaign has led to an increased intensity in the debate over the future of the welfare state. This will have to be

addressed by any government," Aardal said.

Despite the setback, Brundtland said she had no intention of quitting, and doubted that any centre-right alliance could last for long.

Her refusal to step down meant the opposition would have to try to defeat her when Parliament convenes on Oct 2.

Opposition leader Jan P. Syse of the Conservative Party, which also suffered heavy losses, admitted that "it was not the best result for forming an alternative government."



## Opinion differs on Ethiopia dialogue

ADDIS ABABA, Sept. 12, (Reuters): Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam said today that peace talks with Eritrean rebels were on the verge of collapse.

Mengistu, in a speech marking the 15th anniversary of the spring which brought him to power, blamed the rebels of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) and said they were not committed to ending 28 years of civil war.

But a rebel leader attending the talks in Atlanta, the United States, predicted they would succeed.

Government representatives and rebel leaders there said the talks, which had been scheduled to end yesterday, would be extended for another day in an effort to choose mediators and define their roles.

In his speech Mengistu said: "The EPLF representatives did not show any commitment to peace but the Ethiopian delegation is doing all it can to prevent the talks from collapsing over trivial matters."

The EPLF has been fighting since 1961 for independence of Eritrea province, an arid strip of rugged mountains along the Red Sea.

Rebel leader Isaias Afewerki said in Atlanta he expected there would be a full round of negotiations within six months.

Cairo was a likely site, he said, and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and former US president Jimmy Carter were likely choices as mediators. Carter is hosting the present discussions.

Mengistu also hinted that government forces would strike back against rebels in Tigray and Wollo provinces, whom he blamed for launching a military offensive one week before talks opened in Atlanta.

The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) and their allies the Eritrean People's Democratic Movement (EPDM) say that they killed 1,025 government troops and overran all of northwest Wollo after government attacks on August 29.

"The TPLF should be known that the Eritrean guerrillas are causing in northern Ethiopia shall not pass unpunished," Mengistu said.

In a separate announcement on the eve of Mengistu's speech, Ethiopian television said the government has released over 200 prisoners being held in Eritrea.

It said that only a small portion of the prisoners were being held for political reasons and the vast majority had been convicted of common crimes.

Hundreds of thousands of people have died in Ethiopia's wars and 800,000 have fled as refugees.

Preliminary peace talks between the Eritrean People's Liberation Front and Ethiopian officials have neared the end of their fourth day.

## 4 on trial in Sudan

KHARTOUM, Sept. 12, (AP): A special military tribunal has begun a trial of a former rebel official, a former northern region governor and two others on charges of squandering public funds.

Special tribunal number one, chaired by Col. Mohamed Badri Sulaiman, began its first session here by hearing a testimony by police interrogator Maj. Babiker Ali as first prosecution witness.

The witness said the four defendants are accused of selling powdered milk donated by the European Community for the flood affected northern region and failing to retrieve the price.

He said former commissioner for relief and rehabilitation Dr. Hajj Al-Tayeb Al-Tahir, former northern region governor Dr. Mahmoud Al-Khalifa and two other former officials collectively sold the milk to an agent for 1.5 million Sudanese pounds (\$330,000) against an invalid cheque.

Maj. Ali said the agent sold the milk for 2 million Sudanese pounds (\$440,000) and disappeared.

The four defendants said in the interrogation read by the prosecution, witness at the court that they decided to sell the relief milk because it was not to the taste of the flood victims. They said they wanted to buy agricultural inputs instead, despite objection by the EEC.

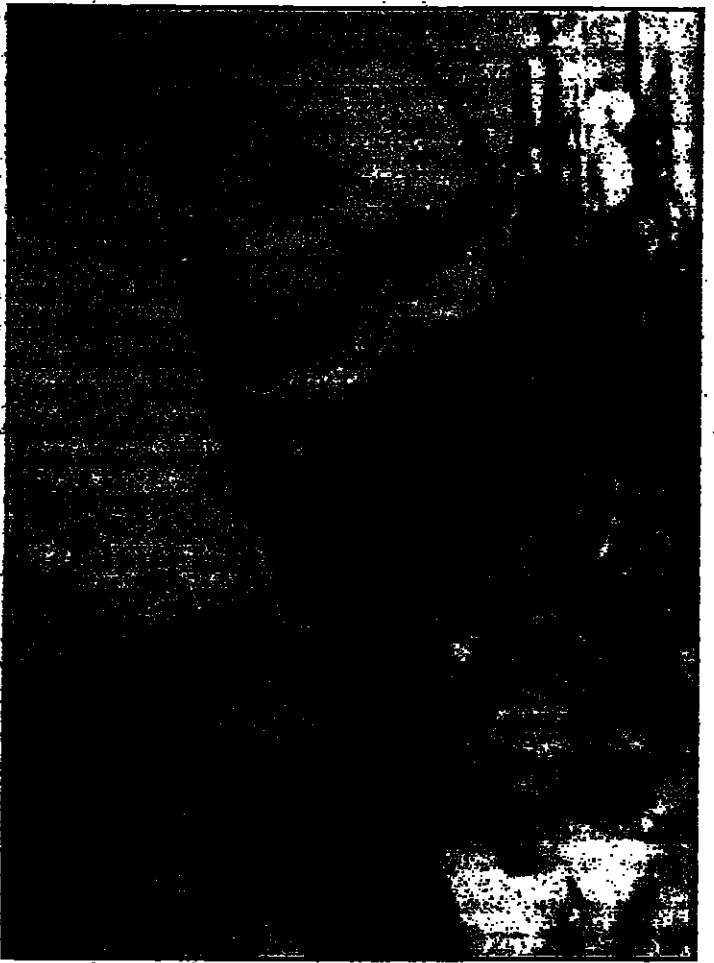
# Mubarak polls plan splits Israeli cabinet

### Palestinians warned on mounting violence

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 12, (Agencies): Israel's coalition government split along party lines today on a 10-point plan proposed by Egyptian President Mubarak for holding Palestinian elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The plan, first conveyed to Israel over the summer by a US congressman, has emerged in recent days as the central topic of discussion in the stalled Middle East peace process.

Labour Party leader Shimon Peres today expressed his willingness to



Undergoes treatment

One of the three Israeli soldiers wounded Sept. 11 in an ambush by Arab commandos in Israel's self-declared southern Lebanon security zone receives treatment in hospital. Israeli troops captured a commando and killed another during searches after a firefight. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Egypt resumes AL council seat

### 'Always present'

TUNIS, Sept. 12, (Reuters): Egypt sat down to a working meeting of the Arab League council today for the first time in a decade.

Suspended in 1979 for making peace with Israel, Egypt was welcomed back to the League in May when President Hosni Mubarak joined an Arab summit meeting in Casablanca.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Essam Abdel Maguid told the opening council session in Tunis: "Egypt was not absent and cannot be absent for one moment from the Arab world."

"Egypt's efforts to restore the national rights of the Palestinian people do not need mentioning. Egypt is now working to push forward the peace process and mobilize international efforts to hold an international peace conference," he added.

He called Tunis the temporary headquarters of the Arab League but did not mention any plans to move the headquarters back to Cairo where the league's charter says it should sit.

Egypt insists the league must eventually decide between returning to Cairo and amending the charter.

Other speakers — Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Youssef Alawi, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and Arab League Secretary General Cheddi Klibi — welcomed Egypt back.

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begin negotiations using the Egyptian plan as a starting point.

If the Palestinians agree to elections and are willing to arrange a delegation whose stand will be more or less like what is written in the 10 points, we will go to a meeting with our position and begin to hold negotiations," the vice-premier told Army radio.

But Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, a leader of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud Party, told a closed meeting of a Parliament committee that Israel would not consider the plan until Egypt officially submitted it, Israel Radio said.

Shamir said on Sunday that his peace initiative unveiled this spring was the only proposal being considered. Army radio reported that prime minister does not want to discuss the Egyptian plan in the cabinet.

The plan drafted by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was designed to expand on the Israeli initiative and make it more acceptable to the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The Likud's major objections to the plan are the call for trading territory for peace, ending settlements in the occupied territories, and the participation of East Jerusalem Arabs in Palestinian elections.

But one Israeli source in Jerusalem, who asked not to be identified, said the plan could serve as a bridge between the Israeli and Palestinian positions if discussion on settlements and land for peace were postponed.

"These 10 points are seen positively (in Israel) because they have on big advantage: the PLO is not mentioned," he said.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat met yesterday with Mubarak in Cairo and according to Egyptian press reports was preparing to support the 10 points.

Also today, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin briefed Shamir on his talks last week in Washington with US Secretary of State James Baker.

In the occupied territories today, at least eight Palestinians were wounded by gunfire during clashes with Israeli soldiers, Palestinian and military sources said.

The Israeli plan calls for elections in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip to choose Palestinians for talks on an interim autonomy period, with the final status of the occupied territories being determined later.

The 10 points put forward by Mubarak include Israeli acceptance of trading land for peace and allowing the 140,000 Arabs living in annexed East Jerusalem to participate in the balloting.

An Israeli general has warned Palestinians in the occupied areas the Army will not tolerate a surge in violence, sparked by a deadlock in Arab-Israeli peace efforts.

Israeli forces killed an Arab gunman and captured another in south Lebanon yesterday after three soldiers were wounded in the second border clash in two weeks.

Three Palestinians were found dead in the occupied areas, raising to eight the number of dead in the last 48 hours.

In an interview on Israeli television, Brig. Gen. Shaike Erez, head of the civil administration that governs the occupied West Bank, expressed the Army's concern over mounting unrest and Arab casualties in the Palestinian uprising.

The situation today feeds itself. The (number of) wounded fed the level of violence. I appeal to the public to halt the deterioration because they will pay for it," Erez told the television's Arabic service watched in the West Bank and Gaza.

He added: "Under no circumstances will we agree to disturbances. Each disturbance will bring a response."

Deadlock: Egypt is trying to nudge both Palestinians and Israelis out of their deadlock over possible elections in the Israeli-occupied territories and ease them towards Middle East peace.

"We are trying to push the peace process in the right direction," an Egyptian diplomat told Reuters in Cairo today.

He was referring to a list of 10 points which he said Egypt submitted informally as suggestions to Israel.

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## Fahd optimistic of Beirut truce

### Ship runs Syrian blockade

RIYADH, Sept. 12, (Agencies): King Fahd said in an interview published today that he was optimistic about the chances of a ceasefire and a settlement to Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

In an interview with the newspapers Okaz and Bilad published on the eve of the resumption of a Saudi-Moroccan-Algerian peace mission, Fahd said "all parties to the conflict are more convinced that efforts must be continued to search for the suitable solutions."

He also said "all the new elements raise hope that the tripartite committee will find fertile ground to move for peace" in Lebanon, where a renewed outbreak of civil war has killed 847 people and wounded 2,528 in six months.

The Lebanese factions without exceptions wanted peace and stability and were ready to sit at the negotiating table to save Lebanon, he said, affirming that the Saudi kingdom enjoyed good links with every faction.

Apart from continuous appeals from his weekly sessions with his cabinet for all parties to co-operate, Fahd had not made any direct comments to date on the peace mission.

The Saudi monarch said he had "new ideas" as did the leaders of Morocco and Algeria on how to proceed with the mission, but he did not give specifics.

"We are determined, God willing, to find the final solutions to a tragedy that all agree more than ever before must be ended," Fahd said.

However, the committee would bear in mind that "the final settlement is in the hands of the Lebanese themselves, and no outside settlement (should) be imposed on them."

Referring to news agency reports that a ceasefire would begin tomorrow as the Saudi, Moroccan and Algerian foreign ministers meet in Jeddah to resume the peace mission, Fahd said a truce was "the first important and necessary steps toward a settlement."

"The time has come for the guns to cease and the bullets to stop echoing so that we listen to reason and logic of constructive, objective dialogue," he said.

He did not confirm that a ceasefire actually had been arranged but said "the immediate and evident challenging task facing the ministers is to bring about a comprehensive and serious ceasefire that is not subject to bargaining and hesitation."

But he cautioned that a problem as complicated as the Lebanese crisis "cannot end overnight" and said differences in the stances of the parties were "natural."

Al Seyassah has learned from Western diplomatic sources that



Fahd convinced

Egyptian President Mubarak might pay an unexpected visit to the Syrian capital in order to conduct talks concerning the Middle East problems.

The same sources said that King Hussein of Jordan also might join in this Syrian-Egyptian summit.

Lebanese Shiite leader Nabih Berri has voiced optimism over a ceasefire in Lebanon after a meeting with Syrian leaders, a newspaper in the United Arab Emirates reported today.

A freighter ran the gauntlet of Syrian shellfire to deliver bales of newspaper and canned food to the besieged Christian enclave today.

Police said two people were killed and 17 wounded in rocket, howitzer and mortar duels across the divided Lebanese capital.

The Syrian barrage on the Christian heartland escalated dramatically at 3.30 am (0030 GMT) when the ship Princess-Hand entered Lebanese territorial waters at a point off the coast of Byblos, 19 miles (30 kilometres) north of Beirut.

The Syrian gunners used radar-controlled 130mm howitzers deployed in the Salata hills, north of the Christian enclave, to shell the coastline, police spokesman said.

The ship sailed "very close" to coast as scores of shells exploded around it, he said.

The Princess-Hand anchored safely at the port of Jounieh at 4.30 am (0130 GMT), and the fighting eased into sporadic exchanges along the mid-city Green Line that slices the city in Christian and Muslim sectors.

The ship's nationality and agents were not known.

The police spokesman said the bales of newspaper were imported by three newspapers operating in the 310-square-mile (800-square-kilometre) enclave. He did not identify the papers.

## Kabul nod for Zahir, US talks

KABUL, Sept. 12, (Reuters): President Najibullah's government today welcomed US talks with the former king of Afghanistan, saying it was a positive step toward ending the 11-year civil war.

"It is a sign that Washington is coming to the conclusion that the military option is not the sound way, and they should begin seeking a new political means," government spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani told reporters. "We regard it as a positive step and a sign of success toward a peaceful settlement."

The US deputy chief of mission in Rome met on Friday with King Zahir Shah, who was toppled from power in 1973.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said in Washington the king was one of "a broad range of resistance leaders," with whom the United States is in contact.

The United States is the main arms supplier to mujahedeen rebels fighting against the Soviet-backed government in Kabul.

"There's been no change in our policy towards Afghanistan," Boucher said at a briefing on Monday. "We back a political solution for Afghanistan that ensures self-determination for the Afghan people, the establishment of an independent government in Kabul and the return of the refugees in dignity and honour."

The decision to meet the 74-year-old king appears to be a new move to break the Afghan impasse.

Alternatives: With the civil war at a stalemate and the rebel interim government in Pakistan ineffectual, the Bush administration appears to be exploring alternatives, diplomats said.

The king is seen as a symbol of legitimate authority for many Afghans but some fundamentalists, notably the powerful Hezbi-Islami group, oppose his return. They say the king represents the old feudal order they want to replace with Islamic law.

Amani said the Kabul government would not have a negative reaction if Pakistan allowed the king to come to talk with the mujahedeen government and representatives of the 3.2 million Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

He said the king had a long-standing invitation to come to Kabul "and contribute to the peace process."

But he stressed that no future government of Afghanistan was possible without the participation of Najibullah's Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan.

Unrest in China has disrupted crucial arms shipments to rebel forces in Afghanistan, crippling their drive to dislodge the Soviet-backed government, US officials say.

The interruption in the arms flow from China was only one strand in a complex web of events that has stalemated the Afghan war six months after rebels forced the Soviets to end a nine-year occupation, say administration and congressional sources.

Fighting: With their summer offensive against Afghan cities crumbling, mujahedeen rebels face a long cold winter.

Hard-run rebel forces have pitched themselves against heavy cannon, jets and rockets in a desperate attempt to wrest control of the cities from the government during the summer fighting season.

They still control much of the countryside, but President Najibullah's troops retain firm control of all but six of the 31 provincial capitals.

"The mujahedeen are attempting to do what a conventional army with an abundance of air power and heavy artillery would hesitate to do — capture a city," said one Western military analyst in Kabul.

"Here is a rebel force, with no air force, not enough heavy fire support and no centralised command trying to do just that. It's madness," he said.

Afghan rebels have thwarted new attempts by a big government supply convoy to break through to the besieged southern city of Kandahar, rebel sources said.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

**Boycott urged:** Rebels in southern Sudan condemned today a government-sponsored peace conference being held in Khartoum and called for it to be boycotted.

Radio SPLA, the voice of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), said the meeting of public figures representing different areas of Sudan was a hoax.

The conference, which opened on Saturday, is expected to spend a month discussing a new constitution aimed at overcoming the traditional antagonism between Sudan's Muslim north and the Christian or animist south. (Reuters)

**4 held for visa fraud:** Four Israeli employees of the US Embassy in Tel Aviv have been arrested on charges of involvement with a visa counterfeiting scheme, the embassy announced today.

The four were arrested by Israeli national police yesterday for alleged "participation in a conspiracy involving the purchase of US non-immigrant visas," an embassy statement said. (AP)

**Velayati to visit:** Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati left Tehran yesterday for visits to Malaysia and Bangladesh, the Iranian news agency Irna reported today.

His first stop will be Kuala Lumpur where Irna said he will have two days of talks on political, economic and trade relations. (Reuters)

**Arafat launches quest:** Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has begun knocking on Asian doors in his quest for worldwide recognition of Palestinian statehood.

Thailand's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Prapas Limpabhandu, told Reuters that in a two-hour meeting in Cairo yesterday Arafat urged Bangkok to explicitly recognise Palestine.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader also emphasised his role in helping to solve crises beyond the Middle East, including the conflict in Cambodia. (Reuters)

**Threats dismissed:** The Cyprus government dismissed today Turkish-Cypriot claims that Greek Cypriots were training Kurdish rebels who could attack across the island's ceasefire line.

"I consider it sheer nonsense. I hope they come to their senses soon," said Defence Minister Andreas Aloxentis.

Interior Minister Christodoulos Veniamin said: "In the first place we don't have any Kurds, just three or four fugitives from the Turkish Army (in north Cyprus)." (Reuters)

**Iraq is not rebuilding reactors:** Jassem

BAGHDAD, Sept. 12, (Reuters): Iraq played down today any suggestion it was rebuilding a nuclear reactor flattered by Israel's Air Force in 1981.

Asked about progress in rebuilding the reactor, Information Minister Laif Nassif Al Jassem told a news conference: "The reactor was destroyed and finished by Israel ... we do not concentrate on military industry that much any more."

US news reports have said Iraq is trying to produce nuclear weapons. Israel destroyed the Osirak reactor in 1981, saying it was preventing Iraq acquiring nuclear weapons.

Jassem, a confidante of President Saddam Hussein, rejected as "mere and absurd nonsense" reports that Iraq possessed nuclear, microbial or chemical weapons.

Iraq admitted using poison gas during its eight-year Gulf war with Iran, which ended with a ceasefire 13 months ago, but denies charges by Kurdish refugees that the army used poison gas against them in late 1988.

Jassem defended the government's policy of destroying Kurdish villages close to the Iranian border.

He said the villages affected were similar to Arab villages in a 30-km (18-mile) Iraqi-proclaimed buffer zone along the Iranian and Turkish borders.

"When we take such measures, we do not feel ashamed," he said.

## Revolution is taking downward slide, Nimeiri tells Bashir

CAIRO, Sept. 12, (Reuters): Former Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri has sharply criticised Sudan's new military junta, saying it is becoming a one-party dictatorship.

In a letter addressed to junta leader General Omar Hassan Al-Bashir and delivered to Reuters today, Nimeiri said the Sudanese people could not accept such a government.

"It is now apparent to everyone that your revolution is taking a downward slide, because the rule is verging towards a one-party dictatorship ruling in the name of the

army," he told Bashir.

Nimeiri, exiled in Egypt since he was ousted in a coup in 1985, sent Bashir a letter of support two days after he led a military coup on June 30 to topple Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's civilian government.

But in his latest letter Nimeiri criticised the military government for dissolving political parties and trade unions.

"(This) has increased your isolation and opened the door wide open for those who want to get back at you and work against you

...," he said, referring to dissolved political parties.

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# 1,300 buses provided for student transportation

## KPTC studying Kuwait-Bahrain route

THE assistant managing director at the Kuwait Public Transportation Company (KPTC) for transportation and operation affairs Essam Al Rifai has said that KPTC provided schools of the Education Ministry, Public Authority for Applied Education and Training and Kuwait University with 1,300 air-conditioned buses to transport students to and from their schools, institutes and faculties during the new academic year. He added that the company has signed a three-year agreement with the Education Ministry to provide it with 1,100 of these buses.

It also signed an agreement with PAAET to provide it with 168 buses, in addition to 30 buses that will be given to the authority during the coming few days. A contract has also been signed with Kuwait University to provide it with 8 buses including one specialised for handicapped students, he said.

Rifai pointed out that KPTC offers

transportation services for different government establishments like the air bases of Defence Ministry, military hospital, border centres, Failaka Island, Khiran and Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC). He added that the company carried out an experiment to transport employees at the Ministries Complex from and to the complex a few years ago. The experiment lasted three months, and in the final analysis it was decided that the project needs further study and co-operation from all public servants to reduce traffic congestion at roads during rush hours.

Rifai added that KPTC is now running two touristic buses at the route of the Water Front. Initially, this route was being serviced by a single bus, but another was added due to an increase of travellers. KPTC also operates two ferry boats for touristic activities. The fees of the touristic bus are 250 fils for a complete circle round

the Water Front while a ticket of the ferry boat costs one dinar, he said.

Commenting on plans and ambitions of KPTC, Rifai pointed out that the company is looking forward to specialised routes and roads for public buses. We also hope that traffic rules will give priority to the buses at roads. The company has no intention to increase the tariff of its buses, the official said and consequently, the company has no plans to increase the payments of drivers of the public buses because they get good salaries compared to drivers at other government establishments or private companies. The driver at KPTC gets a basic salary of 130 dinars a month, plus 15 dinars work allowance, 20 dinars as maintenance allowance and 25 dinars for collecting money from passengers, he said.

The company also grants financial rewards to drivers who have been commended for exemplary service, given to

him with his salary to encourage him to take every passenger at the bus station. He added that payments of drivers and employees at KPTC are considered high compared to the difficult economic situations.

Rifai pointed out that more than 250,000 passengers use buses of the company daily beside pupils of schools. The company has plans to operate new routes at new housing areas like Qurain and a new route linking Fahaeel and Ahmedi with Jahra. He added that KPTC received new buses that will carry passengers between Kuwait and Jordan. A study is being conducted to determine the feasibility of running buses between Kuwait and Bahrain through the Saudi-Bahraini Causeway.

KPTC will also build new bus stations at Salmiya, Jabriya, Jileeb Al Shiyoukh and Fahaeel and is also working to develop the main bus station in Murgab area, the official said.



### Green Island water polluted

OVERFLOWING sewage water near the Green Island at the Water Front cannot be attributed to defects at the Ardiya station nor is the station a contributory factor to the sewage problem, Hamed Al Sarhan, head of the Sanitary Sewage Networks Maintenance Section at the Ministry of Public Works said.

Sarhan commented that the overflow of sewage water could possibly have been caused by the high and low Gulf tide movements. He went on to explain that it is quite likely that during high tides, sea water gushes into the sewer, which would explain the overflow of sewage in the Rawdha area. Conversely, he said that during low tides, the sewers would flow out with some contents into the Gulf waters.

The latter, he said, would explain the complaints of some coastal front swimmers and beach goers who claimed that sewage waste is present in the proximity of sewer number six.

An official, who did not want to be identified said that it is not the first time that sewage water has overflowed from sewer number six. Officials at the

Water Front Project had repeatedly contacted the Environment Protection Council to have this issue properly redressed. As a result, one of the experts at the council had visited the location at sewer number six and had stated in his report that a large number of fish were killed due to the sewage around the area.

Additionally, the Ministry of Public Works was also contacted and an engineer deputised to provide a first-hand report on the situation. He indicated initially that overflow is caused by rain and subsequently indicated that high pressure of sewage water at Daiya Station had compelled station operators to lighten the pressure by releasing sewage water, through sewer number six, into the Gulf.

The official added that the entire issue has been neglected by the Environment Protection Council despite the obvious harm which accrues to swimmers and beach goers. He said that officials at the Water Front Project had to post warning signs to prevent swimmers from approaching.

## Students to donate blood in October

THE director of the Blood Bank Abdul Aziz Al Basheer has said that the bank will embark on a campaign next month to collect blood donated by secondary school and university students.

He told a local daily that there was no shortage in the bank blood reserves, although there was a drop in the normal average number of donors available, pointing out that blood consumption this summer was normal, and that therefore blood stocks at the bank remained intact.

Basheer said that the bank employed very advanced technologies and that all donated blood was subjected to careful intensive tests to ensure that it was free from infection, particularly AIDS.

He added that the existing blood testing equipment could detect the presence of AIDS within three hours, and that all people, citizens and residents, could rest assured that the bank could offer 100 per cent positive tests to ascertain the validity of blood supplies.

## Veterinary pharmacies allocation approved by agriculture authority

### Animal welfare

CHAIRMAN of the board of directors of the Kuwait Animal Resources Society Mitib Al Khraimij has said that the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources has approved the allocation of two veterinary pharmacies for the society's animal medication requirements.

He told a local daily that one of these pharmacies would be set up in Kabad and the other in Wafra. Hopefully, the society would have the next five years possess 90 per cent of all veterinary medication and services needed for cattle.

**Request**

The society has already signed contracts with medical companies to supply all needed veterinary medications and others for setting up related pharmacies.

The society had to wait to obtain the necessary licence in order to build the pharmacy in Wafra and this project would include an office for the society, a residence, fodder store and all related services, Khraimij said.

The society has a total of 5,000 metres of land allocated in the

area where a park, mosque, supermarket and other related facilities are intended to be built.

The current supplies of veterinary medication at the society's stores are suitable for sheep, camels, goats and cows, which are enough to service all society members. On occasions, members call in for some medications and sometimes request vets to accompany them to have a look at their animals if that is necessary.

All medical supplies available at the society's stores are purchased from local producers, and attempts by private companies to seek co-operation for setting up private veterinary pharmacies were neglected as their primary intention was profit-making, Khraimij said.

**Availability**

The society had positive co-operative ties with the Animal Department at the authority and through this co-operation the society could obtain its required medical supplies, which formed 10 per cent of its actual needs. These are usually selected with the intention of diversifying the

types of available medications and avoiding duplication, he added.

The society currently had 20 types of vet medications, all produced by local companies, and would sometimes obtain some medications, which are not available in Kuwait, from Saudi Arabia.

He said that the proposed pharmacy would be able to meet the requirements for medications for sheep, cows, camels and poultry, while four vets would be distributed — one in Kabad, one in Wafra, another at the society's headquarters while the fourth will be assigned to the society's mobile vet service.

The society prefers to hire Arab doctors for their ability to communicate with cattle raisers, and understanding of the local climatic conditions, and presently, all such vets are Arabs.

The main problem facing the society is the lack of available vet medical supplies. Tighter veterinary control is required at all exits in the country to prevent the influx of diseased animals into the country, Khraimij said.

## Dangers of delinquency campaign this month

AS juvenile delinquency has been on the increase recently, the Ministry of Interior is launching an awareness campaign to highlight this "grave and serious problem," Director of Public Relations, at the ministry Col. Fahd Al Mekhlid has announced.

The awareness division has worked out plans and programmes and these will be launched on a monthly basis. He added that the awareness programmes will concentrate on social and security issues that concern citizens and residents as well.

The department has decided to concentrate the awareness programme for the current month on the problem of juvenile delinquency which recently started taking dangerous proportions.

On the main causes of juvenile delinquency, Mekhlid said that family relations, bad company and too much leisure time are the basis of this problem. He said that the department will explain through its awareness programme the dangers that could result from leaving it unaddressed. It will stress on the important roles families and schools can play in solving the problem. He added that a number of lectures and seminars will be held and a number of films will also be shown on TV to show the harm that delinquent minors may cause to society.

Mekhlid said that the awareness programme for this month will also focus on another dangerous problem, dud cheques.

He emphasised on the need to apply the penalties stipulated in Kuwait's penal code. He stressed that latest statistics clearly show that the cases of juvenile delinquency and dud cheques, were increasing.

Statistics show that minors committed over 811 crimes and misdemeanours during the first four months of this year. These cases included 177 crimes and 634 misdemeanours. Over 950 minors were involved in these cases, 535 of them were Kuwaitis and the rest belonged to other nationalities. The statistics added that the maximum number of cases were committed during the month of January and the lowest in the month of April. It said that 181 minors committed 177 crimes during the same period, who included 84 Kuwaitis. A total of 634 misdemeanours were committed by 769 minors who included 499 Kuwaitis. Common cases committed by the minors included robberies, drugs, liquor, forgery, traffic offences, use of arms, residence violations, labour offences and others. Cases also included beating, rape attempts, and fleeing from the minors welfare house.

## Buyers to be fined KD1000

# Severe penalties for visa traders

THE illegal practice of trading in residence permits and visit visas is being given serious attention, and both sellers and purchasers will be subject to severe penalties, according to Major Ghazi Al Mohammed, acting director of the Immigration Intelligence Department.

According to the law any person guilty of assisting a foreigner to obtain a residence permit or a visit visa for monetary or other incentives is liable to a maximum three-years imprisonment and a fine of KD3,000. A repeat violation will lead to a jail term of five years.

Any individual who pays to obtain a residence permit or visit visa will be liable to face one year's imprisonment and a fine of KD1,000. Visitors who exceed the limit of their bonafide stay will be fined ten dinars for each day of overstay — provided the fine does not exceed KD1,000. If the fine exceeds this amount, the violator will be referred to the courts, the official said.

Expatriates who have their legal residence permits invalid in Kuwait illegally. Violators fines should not exceed KD600 in which case the issue is solved amicably. Failing which, violators are liable to be imprisoned for not more than three

months and a fine ranging between KD300 and KD600 or one or both of the penalties.

The department is carrying out continuous campaigns against peddlers and beggars who are sponsored by citizens or companies and these vigilance campaigns have contributed to drastically reducing the number of such violations, the official said.

He added that his department co-ordinates with the immigration departments at the four governorates in following up violations of visit cards. These cards are now completed and issued at the immigration departments, but are supervised by the Immigration Intelligence Department and the follow-up department monitors these visit visas.

Commenting on people living in Kuwait without passports or residence permits and want to legalise their status, the official said that the department extends every assistance to these "stateless persons" and promptly legalises the status of those who provide their original passports.

Continuing, he said that forged passports is a serious problem the staff of the department encounter. Many persons who have lost their passports abroad are surprised to learn later that an imposter has been

apprehended at the airport. The photograph of the holder had been forged by the thieves and then sold to the imposter, the official said.

Mohammed said that the authorities usually seize 20 to 30 persons for carrying forged passports every month and this vigilance has positively contributed to drastically reducing the number of cases of trying to enter the country with forged documents.

Information relating to visit cards and residence permits are now stored in computers which also reduces the opportunity of forgery in these cards or no objection certificates. Till date, no forgery case in these documents has been registered since the inception of the computer facility, the official said.

The increase in the level of fines against violators of the residence law has reduced such violations and is also due to the efforts of the monthly follow up policy of violators.

Computers have also now made it easier to contact sponsors of violators and the department is working to co-ordinate addresses of expatriates and their sponsors. The Civil Cards have been extremely beneficial in this respect, the official said.

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## Symposium

A SYMPOSIUM on developing fish wealth in GCC states will be held in Kuwait next December. This symposium is organised by the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) in co-operation with the GCC general secretariat. The symposium's programme will deal with a number of important issues in the field of fish wealth in the Arabian Gulf area in addition to legal issues and boosting the number of ships working in fishing fleets.

## Aviation society bemoans qualified manpower drain

GENERAL Secretary of the Kuwaiti Pilots and Aviation Engineers Society, Abdullah Al Flaji said that the society aims at preserving Kuwaiti pilots and aviation engineers rights and upgrading their professional and cultural levels by providing them with information connected to developments in the aviation world.

He added that the society holds international courses for its members and participants in international conferences concerning aviation science. It encourages Kuwaiti youth towards joining the aviation corp to assist implementing the Kuwaitisation policy of posts through awareness campaigns, exhibitions and cultural symposiums held by the society at its open weekly Diwaniya, in addition to other programmes broadcast via audio-visual information media.

Flaji indicated that the Kuwaiti Pilots and Aviation Engineers Society is the only one in the Gulf area and is considered the only link which provides contact facilities with international conferences and other similar organisations.

Flaji said that the society in particular and the aviation field in Kuwait in general does not presently suffer from a lack of manpower. He stressed that Kuwait aviation workers and pilots prefer to serve their country despite benefits and advantages offered by other Gulf or international airways. He indicated that to train and qualify a pilot or an aviation engineer the government pays KD250,000 per individual. Flaji pointed out that nearly one third of qualified Arab or foreign manpower trained at Kuwait Airways Corporation prefer to work at other airways. The society is currently studying this problem from a legal aspect to prevent this phenomenon from expanding further and ensuring that the corporations financial investments on training do not go unrewarded.

Regarding the issue of Kuwaiti women avoiding manual work in the field of maintenance, Flaji said that implementing the night shift system is the main reason and adding that this did not stop five Kuwaiti women engineers from working at the Engineering Planning Department.

## Pama supported 15,346 minors in the last year

THE director general of the Public Authority for Minors Affairs (Pama) Hazzaa Al Hasaniyan has said that the number of families supported by Pama since August last year has reached 435, with a total number of 15,346 minors, of whom 7744 were males and 7602 females.

Minors are entitled to two types of salary, one's the result of business investment involving their own property, and the other is given out of alms and charity money.

He said that the authority has held contacts with the Ministry of Housing for allocating houses for minors. An amount of KD300,000 is annually allocated in Pama's budget to cover the cost of maintenance services for the needy minors' houses.

Pama as a corporate body handled all affairs of the minors under its custody within the framework of Islamic laws. Minors enjoyed the privilege for special legal protection, as no money inherited could be handled, spent or paid before Pama could divide up the shares of the minors concerned.

## Disintegrator recommended for kidney stones

DR MOHAMMAD SABAH, a general surgeon and specialist in urinary tract infections at the Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital, has commended the use of the kidney stone disintegrator as an alternative to surgery in treating patients with kidney stones.

He said in the course of an interview with a local daily, that complications associated with the disintegration process were very few, and that the stone disintegrating equipment must be operated by highly-qualified specialists, to minimise the chance of having to use endoscopes to remove the irregular remains of disintegrated stones.

The disintegration apparatus cost KD250,000 and meets the requirements of a health area with 100,000 inhabitants, compared to the cost of surgical operation to remove kidney stone which could reach

KD1,500 with the patient having to stay at the hospital for one or two weeks.

Patients needing kidney stone removal by disintegration do not have to stay in the hospital and whole operation could cost between KD50 to 100. Only in a few isolated cases do patients have to be admitted into the hospital for associated endoscopic services.

He pointed out that before the use of modern stone disintegrator, the hospital performed from 150 to 200 stone-removing operations each year, while only 200 cases involved the use of endoscopes.

With the use of the disintegrator, as many as 400 stones could be removed each year with high chances of success, while surgical options were reduced to 30 or 40 each year, thus minimising costs and cutting back on public spending, Sabah said.

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# Ministers to rule on 50 senior officials

## Administration development plan

THE Council of Ministers will reportedly consider recommendations by ministers on 50 senior government officials, as to whether to retain them in their position or to ease them off.

Meanwhile, government ministries and departments had finalised a short-term

plan on existing administrative development projects for the period from November 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990. A cabinet decision has requested the provision of data collected on areas covering the efforts exerted to develop service performance, facilitate procedure, training and qualifying related staff, reconsideration of exist-

ing organisational structure, job description and other fields.

These measures were agreed upon during the meeting organised by the Civil Service Council and Commission in the presence of senior government officials, including the Ministers of Justice and

Education. The meeting was chaired by the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashid and resulted in the agreement on the need for all government agencies to submit a short-term work plan as regards their respective scheme within the framework of administrative development.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Premier receives

KUWAIT, Sept 12, (Kuna): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah received at his diwan at Bayan Palace this morning head of National Guards Sheikh Salem Al Ali and Education Minister Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri.

HH also received State Minister for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Abdul Mohsen Al Refai, State Minister for Services Affairs Issa Mohammed Al Mazidi and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Oestani.

HH then received Kuwaiti Ambassador to the UAE Mohammed Saad Al Lami and Kuwaiti Ambassador to Bangladesh Makhmud Ibrahim Al Najari and Director-General of the Kuwaiti Stock Exchange Hisham Sulaiman Al Oesthi.

#### France visit

KUWAIT, Sept 12, (Kuna): HH the Amir's forthcoming visit to France is expected with great enthusiasm in political and public circles there, the Kuwaiti Ambassador to France Dr Tareq Razouki said.

In a statement to a Kuwaiti news daily, Razouki said HH the Amir and French President Francois Mitterrand's talks will focus on bilateral relations in addition to Arab and international developments, especially the Lebanese crisis.

On France and Kuwait's stances toward Lebanon's ordeal, the Kuwaiti diplomat said that the two countries' main concern is focused on stability in Lebanon away from foreign intervention.

#### Envoys credentials

KUWAIT, Sept 12, (Kuna): A number of ambassadors to HH the Amir at Bayan Palace at 10.30 am today presented their credentials to HH the Amir.

The ambassadors are from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and Sudan.

#### Senegal message

KUWAIT, Sept 12, (Kuna): Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Khaled Al Ahmad Al Sabah today morning received at his office Senegal's ambassador to Kuwait who delivered a message to HH the Amir of Kuwait from Senegalese President Abou Diouf.

#### Amiri audience

KUWAIT, Sept 12, (Kuna): HH the Amir today received in audience HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah, and Deputy Premier, Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber.

#### Cable to Mariah

KUWAIT, Sept 12, (Kuna): HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam on the occasion of his country's National Day.

#### Landscaping plan

ELECTRICITY and Water Minister Dr Homoud Al Rqabah met yesterday with Chairman of the General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij. The two officials discussed issues relating to the quantities of waters necessary for the success of Kuwait's landscaping plan.

#### Depositors beware;

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out to ensure that the companies stick to their activities.

Al Mejren hoped that the new commercial companies law will be issued shortly. He said that the law was prepared by the ministry and other sides one year ago. The ministry later submitted the law five months ago to the Fatwa and Legislation Department.

He said "the law is huge and consists of 400 articles and that's why it took so long with the department."

He said that the law goes in line with the huge economic development witnessed by Kuwait during the past 20 years, when the present law was issued.



Romanian envoy

Kuwait's Minister of Electricity and Water Homoud Abdullah Al Rqabah received at his office yesterday the Romanian Ambassador to Kuwait, George Serbanescu. Talks between the minister and the envoy dealt with issues of mutual interest.

## Muslims vulnerable in W.Germany, says Falah

### Concerted effort requested

THE director of the Information Department at the Islamic International Charity Foundation in Kuwait Dr Adel Abdullah Al Falah has said that Muslims in West Germany face three major problems: non-recognition of Islam as a religion, vulnerability of Muslims and Muslim identity, and failure by Muslims to locate the right Islamic ambience for their families.

He told a local daily that it was plausible that a pernicious Zionist power is behind the non-recognition of Islam as a religion in West Germany. He added that if Islam is recognised a lot of funds would be deposited in an Islamic fund instead of going to the missionary and Christian churches.

It is a common belief among professors and veteran clergymen that the absence of spiritual values in Europe made religious scholars and missionaries particularly Islam attain a prominent position in European communities. Falah said, "Christianity that dominates in West Germany established two million in membership mostly Turks and that the prevalence of Islamic centres played an important role in preserving Muslim identity and promoting the position of Islam and related values."

He said that 90 per cent of the existing Islamic centres in West Germany suffered a supply problem and financial deficit, as the Muslim community required the money needed to pay the cost of publication, and construction of mosques, schools and religious institutions.

Muslims there cannot as such start their own teaching institutes, but if due recognition is given it would then be possible to obtain 80 per cent financial support from the government there and school

buildings would be funded besides other Islamic projects.

He stressed the need for close co-ordination of effort to counteract the potential Zionist role in the current state of Muslims and Islam in Germany and that the excuse held by the government there for lack of support of Islamic facilities is the absence of a parent foundation or council representing all existing Muslim institutions through which official matters could be sorted out.

This requires concerted effort on the part of all Muslim governments to promote the position of Muslims and Islam in this country so that this great religion could gain the due recognition it deserved, he said.

It is imperative to fund the construction of Islamic schools in West Germany, so that young Muslims could have a fair chance to learn their own religious values besides other educational subjects, within the right Islamic ambience.

Islamic centres in Spain are supported by the Islamic World Association, and Spanish as one of the most commonly spread international languages, particularly in Latin America. The Muslim community in Spain is involved in marked Islamic studies, and Saudi Arabia has made a grant of \$8 million to cover the cost of constructing an Islamic centre there, besides building mosques in various locations in the country, the official said.

He pointed out that there is a plan to conduct studies aimed at evaluating the existing status of all Muslim communities in Europe, from all social, religious and living viewpoints, whereby to determine the requirements for efforts and endeavours seeking to protect the Muslim identity.

## 'Engineers Day' to be celebrated Friday

THE building and construction industry has been playing a vital role particularly since the mid-seventies in building Bahrain's infrastructure and making a positive impact on the overall economic development of the island as a whole. Over the years engineers of all categories, both nationals and expatriates alike have made an invaluable contribution in this field with their skills and hardwork.

Bahrain is fortunate that it has always enjoyed the services of some of the best and highly trained engineers from abroad among a host of countries in the course of construction of scores of important government as well as private sector projects. Some of these architectural marvels have become landmark in this small island nation. Bahrain has always welcomed the introduction and application of both traditional, classical and modern designs and ideas in the creation of its houses and buildings. Even the commercial projects have distinguished features to set them apart from some mundane structure in other countries.

Beautiful As a growing modern nation Bahrain is particularly geared towards adopting and incorporating a variety of designs and concepts of today in its flourishing construction sector. It is not surprising therefore that Bahrain today boasts of some of the most beautiful structure in the region.

In just a year the Institution of Engineers (India) Bahrain Chapter has already made its mark in its efforts to promote and encourage the work of a large number of Indian engineers contributing towards Bahrain's development in the building and construction sphere. This prestigious institution representing Indian engineers overseas, the Bahrain Chapter being the fifth, is celebrating its first anniversary on 15th September. The membership has grown from 200 to over 300 today since the organisation was formed last year.

#### Engineers Day

The Bahrain Chapter of the Institution of Engineers (India) has accomplished itself by hosting a number of both social as well as professional activities over the past year for its members and guests. In collaboration with a number of leading local companies and the Bahrain Society of Engineers, the institute organised a number of technical seminars and technical visits highlighting vital topics related to the construction industry both in Bahrain and the Gulf in general. Eminent speakers were invited from abroad to participate in these invaluable and successful events.

Coinciding with the first anniversary of the Institute, "Engineers Day" will also be celebrated. The programme, to be held at the Gulf Hotel on Friday, will feature the Engineers Day meeting, followed by variety entertainment and dinner.

Hisham Al Shehab, president of the Bahrain Society of Engineers, will be the chief guest. Charge d'Affaires of the Indian embassy, A. Karuppayyan will also be present on the occasion along with other prominent guests.

## Continuous education registration

KUWAITI students interested in joining continuous education programmes organised by the Community Service and Continuous Education Department at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training gathered at the authority to complete their registration formalities.

Registration offices at the authority began receiving male student applications last Saturday at the Boys Commercial Studies College. On the other hand female student applications were received at the Girls Commercial Studies College in Hawalli.

An official source stated that the authority will continue receiving applications until Sept 20, 1989 and added that registration offices began receiving non-Kuwaiti students applications at the same locations and during the same period indicated for Kuwaitis. He said that courses will resume on Oct 7, 1989.

The Community Service and Continuous Education Department at the authority announced the opening of programmes presented to students for the first time. These newly offered programmes will include Arabic language for non-Arabic speakers, jewellery, handicrafts and decided to open four new programmes for women.

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## Kuwait judicial season begins

By Sayed Othman

KUWAIT'S Court of First Instance has begun intensified efforts with the commencement of the judicial season to deal with cases referred to it by the Public Prosecution Office. It holds nine weekly sessions with a total of about 250-270 cases. Likewise, the Misdemeanours and Misdemeanours Appeals Courts are holding 26 sessions per week in view of the backlog. Additionally, these courts hold 11 sessions weekly to try municipal cases and three sessions for commercial cases which are expected to be increased due to the new organisation of the work.

The daily said that the average sessions of the Court of First Instance amounted to nine sessions daily except Thursday's when the sessions amounted to five.

Meanwhile, the daily noted that the issuance of dud cheques had significantly increased this season. Most of these issues had been referred by the Public Prosecution Office during the judicial vacation. During vacation, the court's department were trying urgent cases while others were being postponed to the beginning of the judicial season.

## Private schools warned not to lure students

THE director of Private Education Department Abdullah Al Muhanna has strongly denounced attempts by some private schools to offer students financial and material temptations as lure to enroll.

He told a local daily that the ministry would not stand idly by as allow such practices to go on unchecked. Official warnings have been directed to the concerned schools to avoid resorting to such means. He described this practice as pure commercial exploitation of the teaching profession.

#### Measures

Strict punitive measures would be taken by the department against any school failing to comply with the department's instructions, the official said.

He said that meanwhile the department continued preparations for the upcoming academic year. It had earlier transferred a number of principals and headmistresses among the private schools to fill the existing shortages in certain schools.

Approvals had also been given to teachers wishing to join private schools, and that interviews and related pre-employment testing were as such already sanctioned.

The department has already issued four new licences for the construction of new private schools, of which three were Arabic and one foreign.

The number of students in private schools has maintained a steady growth and the present number is about 144,486 in various Arabic and foreign schools in the different educational stages, Muhanna said.

## Paci data strictly confidential: Mikhaiteer

### Penalty for expired card holders

THE Public Authority for Civil Information (Paci) does not provide any information on citizens to any unauthorised persons, Musaid Al Mikhaiteer, deputy director general of the authority said.

Elucidating, he said that any information sought is only provided to those who have accredited official letters from courts ordering addresses of persons who are involved in court cases. Addresses are not provided to any other authority, unless the citizen is authorised to obtain such disclosure, the official added.

He pointed out that citizens of the GCC states living in Kuwait have civil cards with a validity period of three years. Prior to the decision issued cards with a validity period of ten years — the same period as Kuwaitis. The modification is intended to facilitate change of information and photographs in civil cards carried by the GCC citizens living in Kuwait.

Commenting on the status of civil cards of Kuwaitis, the official said that they are obliged to change their present civil cards for new ones prior to the end of

this year. Non-Kuwaitis will be provided with a new form of civil cards at the time they seek changing their cards for renewal of residence permits or due to a change in their home address. Non-Kuwaitis should change their cards within one month from shifting to the new address.

Presently, the authority collects fines only from those who have not registered at the authority within the limited period, the official said. However, the authority will start collecting fines from persons who do not renew their cards when they change their place of residence. Such fines will be instituted from the beginning of the new year, the official said.

Mikhaiteer pointed out that civil Wards are only issued to Kuwaiti citizens and expatriates who have legal residence and passports. These cards are not issued to stateless persons, he said, but added that the authority provides every assistance to these stateless persons when they furnish their original passport.

Paci can now issue the civil card in one day if the owner of the card has urgent reasons that are certified by the authority.

Presently, there are no crowds at the Paci's office. On the few occasions that crowds have been noticed is attributed to people rushing to these offices to inquire about new procedures adopted by the authority. Also, crowds are noticed when people want to complete their formalities before the summer holidays or after returning from their holidays.

#### Branches

Mikhaiteer pointed out that the authority will open branches in Hawalli, Capital, Farwaniya, Jahra and Alhamidi governorates to reduce pressure on the present offices. The official said that they are also applying postal services for the same purpose and have succeeded in renewing civil cards, registering of maids and new born babies through this service. Paci, he said, receives about 2,000 envelopes of different formalities by mail. The postal services have proved to be highly beneficial and the authority is trying to extend its use to other services, the official said.

Mikhaiteer said that the work load at the offices of the authority are affected by the change in labour or residence laws.

## From the courts

### 7 years for sex assault

THE Criminal Court sentenced yesterday a man to seven years imprisonment with labour and ordered his deportation later for sexually assaulting a six-year-old boy. The court was told that the man, who owns a shop in Nagra area, took the young boy to the lift of the building and assaulted him. The medical tests carried out on the boy proved beyond doubt that the assault was committed by the accused.

The same court began yesterday its hearings on a murder and rape case in which two men are accused of raping and then murdering a 7-year-old mentally retarded girl. The naked body of the girl was found in a remote area near Fintas. The prosecution accused the first man, Hamad M. aged 42, a sanitary worker, for raping the girl and then suffocating her till death in order to prevent her from calling for help. The prosecution accused the second man, Mohammad M. 46 years old of taking part in the murder by helping the first accused to hide the body.

### Three sentenced for narcotics

THE Criminal Court sentenced three men to various jail terms for trading in narcotics. The court sentenced the first to seven years imprisonment with KD2,150 fine, the second to five years imprisonment with KD2,150 fine and the third to two years imprisonment with KD215 fine. The court was told

that a police officer arrested the third accused and found with him pieces of hashish and heroin. The accused told the police that he bought them from the second accused. On searching the second accused, a quantity of heroin and hashish was found in his car. He claimed that he got them from the first accused. When the first accused was arrested he confessed smuggling the hashish and heroin from India. In the court, the three accused claimed that they were beaten by the police and gave their confessions under duress. But the court refuted their claims based on actual evidence.

### Good conduct pledge

THE Criminal Court refrained from issuing any sentence on a man who fired three times at a butcher causing minor injuries in his leg. The court asked the accused to pay a bail of KD1,000 and pledge good conduct for one year.

The court was told that the accused went to the butcher's shop and asked him to sell him meat from the thigh. The butcher refused because the quantity required was small and if he did so it would have ruined the whole piece. The accused then went out and returned after a few minutes and fired his gun three times at the butcher.

In the court the butcher compromised with the accused and as the accused was over 55-years-old and had no previous criminal record, the court refrained from issuing any sentence.

## MEW planning committee meeting held

KUWAIT'S Minister of Electricity and Water (MEW) Dr Homoud Abdullah Al Rqabah yesterday presided over the Ministry's Planning Committee, according to a release from the Ministry's Public Relations Department.

It added that the meeting discussed several topics including the water supply project from Iraq to Kuwait, the provision of the drinking water and brackish water to Failaka Island, the completion of the necessary measures aimed at air conditioning of the schools in the country and debating of the report concerning the air conditioning of the kindergarten and primary schools.

The meeting also discussed the commissioning of the power station and the setting up of the technical studies that secure the continuation of the electrical current in addition to following up of the programmed and periodical maintenance works during the period commencing from October to March for the meeting of 1990's summer requirements.

The meeting was attended by the Undersecretary at the Ministry Abdullah Al Muayes, the assistant undersecretaries and the chief engineers of the ministry.

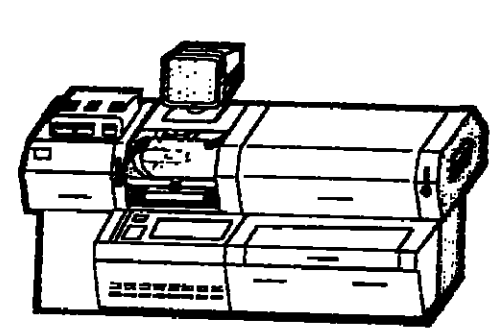
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## Thought for today

REPETITION does not transform a lie into truth — Franklin Roosevelt, former US President (1882-1954).

## India smeared

## Brutal police

LAST November, the Delhi police hauled Ram Swaroop and seven other poor labourers from their huts and ordered them to work without pay.

The drunken policemen beat the workers, then took Swaroop away. His body was found in a nearby canal. Human-rights lawyers sued the police and won a Supreme Court order of \$3,000 compensation for Swaroop's family.

They also secured a rare admission of guilt from police officials investigating the killing. The five policemen involved are being prosecuted for murder.

The tragedy of Ram Swaroop highlights the problem of police brutality in India, for which Indian police have gained a widespread reputation during more than 40 years of independence, human rights activists say.

The incident also points to a new awareness among government and police officials of the need for reform.

"The common perception is that police are bullies who beat people at the slightest provocation and are corrupt," says Rajivjiy Karan, Delhi's police commissioner and architect of a new reform campaign aimed at improving the police's image. "We need to change the culture, ethos, and personality of the police."

Today, more than ever, security forces play a pervasive, often troubling role in this diverse, contentious democracy of 800 million people.

In the northern, violence-torn province of Punjab, the police are armed with special powers to combat terrorism and backed by the Army and central paramilitary police. These forces have led an extensive crackdown on Sikh separatists and on innocent people in their path.

Throughout India, from remote corners in the south to crowded urban pockets in the north, the police and increasingly the paramilitary have been called on to douse a level of social conflict and communal violence not seen since the 1950s.

And in major cities like Delhi, exploding population growth, overcrowding, and unemployment have triggered an upsurge in crime and urban discontent.

Government officials say they have been forced to resist the forces tearing at India's delicate social fabric with more might. During the last six years, the central paramilitary police force has grown by 30 per cent and now costs the government about \$600 million annually. A current expansion programme will raise their numbers to more than 400,000 by 1991.

In the states and territories, which control local law enforcement, police forces have burgeoned. For example, since 1984 when Delhi was first hit by a wave of terrorism and communal violence, the police have grown from 32,000 to more than 50,000, the world's largest metropolitan police force.

But police forces here are still hard-pressed. Those demands have buttressed long-standing pressures that have eroded police discipline and deeply politicised law enforcement: ethnic and religious divisions, corruption, and political interference.

Poor training, low pay, long hours, and frustrations in winning court convictions also prompt police to turn to more drastic methods, observers say.

Even the central paramilitary, made up of recruits from throughout the country and sent in as a more neutral check on local police, is now buffeted by similar pressures, due to overuse, fatigue, and lack of time for training.

"The police bring to the force the attitudes, values, and prejudices that are there (in society). Overnight you can't inculcate different attitudes," says P. Chidambaram, the government official in charge of internal security. "Over the years, the image has suffered because training has been a casualty."

Many social observers, however, claim India is becoming a police state because the central government is grabbing more power and responding to trouble with force rather than deeply needed social and economic reform.

In many places, the police form a nexus with corrupt politicians and wealthy landlords and businessmen and are a tool of brutal oppression. In what is widely seen as political expediency, the central government has yet to complete an investigation of police complicity in the disappearance of dozens of Muslims in 1987 communal riots in the northwestern town of Meerut.

In Bihar — a state reaped by hopeless poverty, class conflict, and police atrocities — police raped, looted, and plundered villagers in Pararia last year. In March, a court acquitted 14 policemen and security guards and chided the village women for poor character.

Recently, New Delhi commentator Khushwant Singh wrote that he had met many Punjab villagers whose one refrain was "we can deal with the terrorists, you save us from the police."

(New Delhi — CSM)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1536 — Holy Roman Emperor Charles V abandons siege of Marseilles after disastrous campaign and sails from Genoa to Barcelona.

1586 — Anthony Babington and fellow conspirators go on trial for attempting to seize throne of England for Mary Queen of Scots by plot to murder Elizabeth I.

1743 — Treaty of Worms between Maria Theresa of Austria-Hungary, Britain and Sardinia to expel Bourbons from Italy, obtain part of Milan for Sardinia, and guarantee English subsidies to her allies.

1759 — British forces scale heights of Abraham in Quebec, Canada, to attack French during French and Indian war.

1788 — Denmark invades Sweden.

1882 — British defeat Egyptians at Tel El-Kebir, lower Egypt, and proceed to occupy Egypt and the Sudan.

1943 — Chiang Kai-Shek becomes president of China.

1955 — West Germany and Soviet Union establish diplomatic relations — their first since World War II.

1964 — Egypt and Saudi Arabia announce agreement of peaceful settlement of two-year-old Yemeni civil war.

1966 — B.J. Vorster is elected prime minister of South Africa.

1970 — Israeli arrests 450 Arabs in occupied Jordan and says it will exchange them for hostages held by commandos.

1975 — US Defence Department defers planned 8,000-man reduction in support of troops in West Germany on grounds it would weaken US in Europe.

1986 — Iraqi warplanes bomb five airfields in Iran as demonstrators seek revenge for Iran's missile attack on Baghdad.

1987 — Report by population group says United Kingdom leads developed world in making birth control available to its citizens.

1988 — Heavy combat in rebel strongholds in northern El Salvador kills or wounds more than 30 leftist guerrillas and government troops.

## Clamour to close US bases

## Most Filipino senators want phase-out

SENATOR Rene Saguisag says the Philippines will never grow out of its political adolescence if it remains dependent on the United States.

When US rights to bases in the Philippines expire in 1991, he says, the largest American military facilities overseas should go.

"Sometimes, it takes the death of a father for one to mature overnight," said Saguisag.

The United States now maintains Clark Air Base, the Subic Bay naval complex and four smaller facilities. Subic is the repairs and logistics centre for the 7th Fleet, while Clark is the home of the 13th Air Force, the tactical air arm of the US air forces in the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean.

Saguisag's view that the treaty governing the bases should not be renewed is shared by almost all in the Philippines' 23-member senate.

But except for five who truly want the bases pact to expire in 1991, the other senators are agreeable to a phase-out over a period ranging between three and eight years, according to a survey conducted by United Press International.

Under the constitution, any new pact on the bases must be approved by the

senate by a two-thirds vote, or 16 senators.

US officials have said they want the bases to remain in the Philippines, but are looking at alternative sites including Singapore, which has offered to sponsor some of the facilities.

In the week the UPI poll was conducted, two resolutions dealing with the bases were passed around for signature in the senate. The first resolution, which 12 senators endorsed, called for the dismantling of the bases in 1991, describing them as a vestige of half a century of American colonial rule. It effectively shuts the door to a new treaty.

The second resolution signed by 10 senators belonging to the Liberal Party, a member of the ruling coalition, says the same thing, but leaves open the possibility of an extension.

President Corason Aquino says she is leaving the options open, a position she has maintained since she started campaigning for the presidency in 1985.

Informal talks on a renewal of the treaty with the United States are scheduled in December but Aquino is expected to discuss the issue when she visits Washington on Nov 9.

The lone opposition senator, Juan Enrile, was defence minister under former president Ferdinand Marcos, and as such was an advocate of the US bases. Now, he says, he is in favour of dismantling the bases with "no ifs and buts."

Enrile, Saguisag, and sens. Alberto Romulo, Wigberto Tanada and Joseph Estrada say there is no other position to take because of the 1987 constitution. That document says that after 1991 foreign bases should not be allowed unless treaty is extended and ratified by the senate and, if congress desires, submitted to a plebiscite. The five senators are against any extension or gradual phase-out.

Seventeen other senators say they also support an end to the US bases, but are willing to consider a phase-out. They concede that realistically, the Philippines is unprepared for an American pullout.

Senator John Cuenca is the sole proponent of a lease extension, if the Philippines continues to benefit from it.

Last October, the United States pledged to provide the Philippines \$962 million in aid in the last two years of the bases pact, an increase from \$180 million annually.

Besides Clark and Subic, the United States also uses the Camp John Hay Rest and Recreation Centre in the mountain resort of Baguio, a joint air defence radar complex at Wallace Air station in La Union province, the San Miguel naval communications station near Subic and a transmitter site at Camp O'Donnell in Capas, Tarlac.

The bases house more than 17,000 American servicemen, plus dependents and employ more than 68,500 Filipinos with an annual payroll of \$96 million.

The United States has used Clark and Subic since shortly after the Spanish-American war, when the Philippines were ceded for \$20 million. Americans took over Subic, a Spanish fort, during the Philippine revolution of 1898. Clark first was set up as a cavalry post in 1903.

A year after the Philippines gained independence in 1946, a 99-year leasing lease was signed. In 1966, the term was cut to 25 years, ending on Sept 16, 1991.

Filipino nationalists say the bases are a magnet for nuclear attack from the Soviet Union, which has a garrison in Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam across the South China Sea.

They say the bases are an affront to Philippine sovereignty and a cause for US interference in its political affairs. They charge a succession of American presidents, from Marcos and chose to close their eyes to 20 years of misrule that was the nation's curse.

With an external debt of \$28 billion and an armed forces that is tied down fighting a 20-year communist insurgency, the question that nags most of the senators is whether the Philippines is prepared for an American withdrawal in two years. A US presence provides a measure of assurance against any possible external threat.



A Manila worker during a demonstration recently shows his disapproval towards planned December talks between the Philippines and the US on a possible renewal of a US lease on military bases. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Ethiopians in exile long for home

A GROUP of Ethiopians sat over cups of strong coffee and talked passionately of the day their country's military government would fall and they would go home.

"The operating word is that we got stranded and when you're stranded you survive," said Seyoum, who studied economics but now works as a car park attendant.

Like many of the Ethiopians who live in the southern US city of Atlanta, Seyoum came to attend university during the reign of Emperor Haile Selassie and stayed after Mengistu Haile Mariam and several other radical Army officers seized power in 1974.

Their hopes of returning have been strengthened by peace talks being held in Atlanta between the Ethiopian government and guerrillas fighting for a separate state in the northern province of Eritrea. Community members say there are 300,000 Ethiopians in the United States, with Atlanta having the third-largest community after Los Angeles and Washington.

There are an estimated 3,000 Ethiopians in Atlanta, of which 10 per cent are from Eritrea. Many of those who came before the military takeover found careers as doctors, engineers and scientists, but those who arrived after the revolution in their country have not done as well.

They tell of leaving Ethiopia because of alleged

political repression and torture, spending time in refugee camps in Sudan and then finding jobs as car park attendants, security guards and taxi drivers in the United States.

They all share a dream of returning home. At the Addis Restaurant a few blocks from the Carter Centre, where former US President Jimmy Carter is hosting the peace talks, owner Theodore Hailegiorgis spoke with intensity about possibilities if there were a change of government in Ethiopia.

"We have professors, engineers at IBM, doctors here. If they went home, we could turn that country around in five years," he said.

As he spoke, a waitress served a dish of spicy lamb stew on spongy injera bread. Masinkos, Ethiopian one-stringed violins, hung from the walls of the restaurant named after the capital, Addis Ababa.

Sitting around tables nearby and sipping small cups of strong Ethiopian coffee were Seyoum and six of his friends, all members of a group called the Ethiopian Democratic Forum.

The seven, who asked to be identified by their first names only, said they had spent the last three hours discussing the situation at home.

"This is the time for Ethiopian opposition forces to band together and provide an alternative to the government," Seyoum said.

He said the government was facing pressure from several points — the Soviet Union wanted it to reach

a compromise with the Eritrean rebels. The United States wanted it to improve its human rights record and the Army was tired of the 28-year-old civil war.

The peace talks in Atlanta, he said, "are from weakness, not from strength."

"The government should be part of the solution. It should dissolve itself," said Mentau, a woman who works in the Atlanta mayor's office.

Demere, a taxi driver, winced as he explained why he left Ethiopia in 1982.

He said he was imprisoned four times on suspicion of belonging to the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party, an opposition political group. In jail, he said he was beaten with electrical wires and oil was poured on his face and set alight.

Demere, 40, said he left Ethiopia for Sudan — as he had 600,000 of his compatriots — and spent two years as a teacher in Sudanese refugee camps. He went to Los Angeles in 1984 but was unable to find a suitable job, so moved to Atlanta where he has also worked as a cashier and as a security guard.

Demere misses Ethiopia deeply. "For the first three years after I left, I was weeping or crying in my sleep," he said.

What makes things harder is that Demere's wife and 11-year-old daughter are still in Ethiopia.

"They are happy for me because coming to the United States saved my life, but we are separated and it is a bitter situation, a bitter situation."

## Letters to the editor

## It's no invasion

I refer to the letter "India go home" (AT Sept 9). It begins with India and ends with India. That in itself is praise for the country.

However, all throughout, one sees only biased report. India did not invade Sri Lanka — but was invited to Sri Lanka. President Jayawardene did not trust any other country to bring peace to Sri Lanka so he entrusted the job to India.

Guerrilla warfare is quite different from a war between nations. To suppress guerrillas, who fight with conviction is virtually impossible. The Indian flag would have been flying in Colombo in four hours if the fourth largest army wanted it.

If records to end wars could be reached overnight, then Beirut, Afghanistan, Sudan etc. would not have been in flames for so many years.

It is heartening to know from Arab Times (Sept 10) that the Indian Army will quit Sri Lanka by December 31, 1989.

Finally let me conclude in the words of a great American President: "We Americans do not fear to negotiate, but we do not negotiate out of fear."

Varughese Checko, Ras Salmiya.

## Indians put to shame

SIR: India is my country and all Indians are my brothers and sisters. I am proud of my country and

its rich heritage. I am proud of my late Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru for being one of the main architects of non-aligned movement. Being an intellectual, he was a great nationalist like Gamal Nasser. His vision was not only to see his country develop but also all the Third World nations.

Being the disciple of the father of the nation and the architect of non-violence Mahatma Gandhi, he always strived for peace and through peaceful means he wanted to develop the Third World nations. During his days Nam enjoyed more respect and dignity because Nam of those days though thinner in number of members, had leaders of superlative calibre and of world stature. Their approach and moves were watched and analysed with fear and jealousy by the leaders of other blocks. Non interference into the internal matters of other countries is the core of Nam.

In the recently concluded Nam conference, India's direct military involvement in Sri Lanka went almost unnoticed. There was no forceful plea for the withdrawal of IPKF who are committing genocide in Sri Lanka by killing innocents and civilians. When the forces of Gen. Yahya Khan let loose genocide in the East Pakistan, India was the first nation to make a big noise about it, and now Indians are repeating the same thing in Sri Lanka.

The massacre of civilians by IPKF at Point Pedro discovered by the Indian Express equates with that of Hitler's against Jews and that of Israel's against

innocent Palestinians in the occupied land. These type of actions by the Indian soldiers in Lanka make Indians put their heads down in shame and devalue the image of Gandhi's non-violence message. All those who support the brute force of IPKF in Lanka against the innocent civilians are also subscribing to the role of Israel in the occupied land and also of Hitler during the Second World War.

India's former President Sanjiva Reddy has recently remarked that Rajiv Gandhi is confused young man and India under him has made a big mistake by sending its troops to Lanka. Now, Rajiv has become a Hamlet and India is in a dilemma.

India will never be able to create peace in Lanka with the present attitude of IPKF. Secondly, it is very difficult to bring peace there with the help of deadly arms in the hands of peace keepers. These arms and ammunition do not bring peace but create more wars and resistance from the other side. Didn't it happen in Vietnam for the mightiest power in the World? It is very gratifying that intelligencia in India is making its voice heard against India's involvement in Sri Lanka and as Indians it is their birth right to express their views, for or against. This is the beauty of India's greatness in allowing its citizens to express their views, however critical they may be.

A. Veronica Fernandes, Sefat.



Art Buchwald

## Memory does funny things

MEMORY is something we are all losing. Everyone I know complains about how much he or she is forgetting. Why can't we remember all the things we used to do? This is the question scientists are asking of white rats all over America.

Dr Colin Forbershare has been doing extensive research on the subject, although he cannot recall for how long.

He told me, "The brain is nothing more than a large vacuum cleaner. It sweeps up information as it goes along. At some time the bag gets full, and then you have trouble dredging up the one fact that you want to remember."

I said, "The brain can't just be a vacuum cleaner. That would make everything too simple."

Dr Forbershare agreed. "You're probably right. I guess I'll have to get rid of my rats, which means 30 years of research, down the drain. How about this instead? Let's say that memory holds the IN and OUT baskets of your mind. The facts go into the IN basket for retention and are pulled from the OUT basket for action. People's memories fail when their IN baskets spill over into their OUT baskets."

"Does our drinking water have anything to do with the loss of memory?"

"Water could have a lot to do with it. However, it's hard to generalize because some people are affected by the drinking water, and others are not."

"In Washington, everyone drinks the same water from the faucet, but the only ones who experience memory loss are those who are asked to testify in front of congressional committees."

"One of my biggest problems," I confessed, "is that I can never remember anybody's name, including members of my own family. I just don't understand why. I've tried to remember names, but I can't. I'm not a forgetful person, I'm just a forgetful person."

He continued, "Let me explain how the memory of names works. Right in the middle of the head, just underneath the hairline, is the location of a person's Rolodex. It keeps track of every name heard by that person since birth. In the beginning, it's easy because we only record first names like Shirley, Ollie, Tiger, Fatty or Stinky. As time passes, more and more names are added. When a person reaches 40, the Rolodex is full. After that, whenever you meet someone new you have to drop a name already recorded. In order to accommodate the new name, you often wind up forgetting your boss' wife's name."

"I am guilty of that," I admitted.

"Memory does funny things. The mind prefers to remember the names of strangers and forget the name of the person's firstborn child," Dr Forbershare told me.

"What about overload?" I asked. "Everyone says that the information glut is so great that the brain cannot absorb all the facts which are thrust at it every day."

"I don't discount overload. I have known rats who have been bombarded with so much data that they can't even remember Mickey Mouse's birthday. We are all just warehousing information."

Scientists prefer to think of the human mind as an Apple computer. Everything a person sees and hears and even smells goes into the machine.

"But the more information a person puts into the computer, the slower his or her printer works. Some fact that you were unable to recall at a particular moment may come back two weeks later — usually at 3 in the morning when you're in bed."

Forbershare concluded, "What's interesting about the subject of memory loss is that no one talks about it unless another person brings it up. How do we know if we are losing our memories? Let's say you meet your next-door neighbour at the supermarket. He is a man with whom you have shared barbecues, car pools and touch football games. You say, 'Hi, Fred.' He looks astonished and tells you, 'My name is Sidney. Then you start telling him the same story you told him two days ago. At this point you begin to suspect that the old memory bag has a hole in it.'

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

## Quote me

"Knowing the Australian entrepreneurial spirit, they'll start breeding them. They (cats) are marching on Sydney. It's only a hop, skip and jump from the (state) border." — Greg Stegman speaking against the fight to eliminate toads to control their population.

"Rangers have problems but we will not be influenced by that. They will still have a very strong team on tomorrow. We know it's going to be very, very difficult but we have a fine side. We have made a tremendous start to the season and we are full of confidence." — Scottish international Alan McIntosh on Bayern Munich's impending clash with Glasgow Rangers in the European Champions Cup.

"The Colombian government has been faced with a stark choice: it has either to declare an all-out war on the traffickers, or, in effect, to surrender." — Margaret J. Ansner, director-general of UN office on fighting illegal drugs, on the clampdown in Colombia.

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# Toad war down under: plan to make them croak

SYDNEY, Sept. 12 (AP) — Poisonous toads that grow to the size of dinner plates are invading Brisbane, Australia's third largest city, but there are plans to make them croak.

Councillor Greg Stegman pledged today that the city of about 1 million people on the Gold Coast Strip of the northeastern seaboard will be toad-free within five years.

The amphibians, known as cane toads, measure up to 30 centimetres (12 inches) across and weigh 2.75 kilograms (6 pounds).

Stegman told the Associated Press that with the onset of the southern hemisphere summer, millions of the ugly toads are awaking from winter hibernation.

"Within two weeks, they'll be everywhere," he said.

Eradication tactics include ringing the city suburbs with tape-recordings of the male toad's rattling mating call to attract females. Then trappers will pounce, shove the toads

into plastic bags and freeze them to death, Stegman said.

Homeholders also are being advised to sprinkle detergents on toads found in backyards because it "does the job quickly."

Brisbane resident Anne Nakano complained that the space underneath her home, which is built on stilts, is crawling with toads.

"We stamp on them when we open the front door in the morning to pick up the milk," she said.

Stegman said cane toads, or "Bufino Marinos," are becoming Australia's public enemy No. 1. He said the city council had decided against offering a bounty for every toad killed because "knowing the Australian entrepreneurial spirit, they'll start breeding them."

"They're in plague proportions," he said. "I'm not advocating that people stamp them to death or spear them pitchforks, but something has to be done."

A children's pastime in Brisbane is to use cane toads as footballs.

Cane toads have marched across northern Australia and south to the state of New South Wales since they were introduced from South America in 1935 to eradicate a beetle plague that was destroying Australia's sugar cane crops.

The toads were first shipped to the city of Cairns, 870 miles (1,400 kilometres) north of Brisbane. Since then they have also spread

across the northern "top end" of Australia into the spectacular and unspoiled Kakadu National Park in the northern territory.

"They're now marching on Sydney, it's only a hop, skip and a jump from the (state) border," Stegman said.

"Having the tape-recordings is a very easy way to get rid of them but the state does not have enough money to reach every household," Stegman said.

## Soprano supremo

### Dame Kiri: rags to riches story

By Nick Rossi

WHEN Queen Elizabeth made Kiri Te Kanawa a Dame of the British Empire back in 1982, the throne was publicly acknowledging what the world of music had known for years — that Dame Kiri was one of the greatest Sopranos ever to go on stage.

Born in Gisborne, New Zealand, of mixed European and Maori parentage during World War II, Te Kanawa's rise to fame is a rags-to-riches story. When still very young she was given up for adoption, and her new mother, "to whom I owe much of my early success," she says, proved a strong character who played a major role in encouraging her singing career.

"The real gift, though, was a sense of being very, very special," remembers Te Kanawa, who has never tried to find her real parents. "I will always be grateful for the wonderful feeling this has always given me."

As a young and struggling singer in the New Zealand capital of Auckland, Te Kanawa sold sheet music, worked as a switchboard operator and sang in nightclubs to pay her way through St Mary's College, where she studied voice training. The long years of hard work and sacrifice paid off. Since those lean times, Dame Kiri has performed in the world's major opera houses, including New York's Metropolitan, London's Covent Garden, Milan's La Scala and Vienna's Staatsoper.

She has had her own Christmas television spectacular, starred in a movie version of "South Pacific" with Jose Carreras, recorded a selection of Cole Porter and Irving Berlin tunes with Nelson Riddle and was asked to perform as the soloist at the 1981 wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana.

Te Kanawa first came to the critics' attention after she moved to London and appeared as a flower- maiden in Wagner's religious opera, "Parsifal," at Covent Garden. Her appearance on the same stage in 1971 as the Countess in Mozart's comic opera "The Marriage of Figaro" received international attention.

Three years later she made her debut with the New York Metropolitan Opera as Desdemona in Verdi's "Otello." But in spite of these successes, it wasn't until she sang the title role in "Arabella" by Richard Strauss that she felt she was, in her own words, "really getting somewhere."

"It was my first Strauss role and I was scared stiff of it, because it's a huge, important role and totally different from anything I had sung to date," remembered Te Kanawa, interviewed recently in Milan where she was doing recording sessions with Sir George Solti for Verdi's "Simon Boccanegra."

"After agreeing to do it, two years before the actual performance, I flew off to Cologne to see it on stage without knowing anything about it — neither text nor music — to see how it would affect me. I think sometimes it's important to approach a piece 'raw' so as to discover what one's spontaneous feelings and reactions are. Mine were to identify with Arabella immediately, because there is a lot of me in her — I too can detach myself from situations of emotional crisis and look at things fairly coolly."

Te Kanawa's versatility has always helped her in her long and varied career. In a complete break from opera, she recorded a selection of Cole Porter and Irving Berlin Broadway tunes with Nelson Riddle for an album called "Blue Skies." "Way back in my youth I had sung these songs in the night clubs of New Zealand, and I truly loved them," she said.

"Then, when I first met Nelson, we talked about the possibility of cutting an album."

"Nelson and I first met in Sydney, and subsequently on several occasions all over the world. I vividly recall one time in the Opera House at the Casino in Monte Carlo. It was there in a rather glamorous rehearsal room that we had our first working session for this album, and began to choose the songs we wanted to do. As we got to know each other, a concept for the album slowly developed. We selected some of our favourite songs — 'If I Could See Well the Spring', 'I Didn't Know What It Was' and 'Yesterday's' among almost a dozen others — and he began to work on the arrangements."

"It was obvious that my normal operatic voice could not successfully interpret these songs," she went on. "Therefore, key selection was a prime concern, because it is the lower part of my voice which naturally fits the songs. We also adapted 'pop' recording techniques, using the most up-to-date studio, with multi-track, fully digital recording."

Te Kanawa did not actually hear Riddle's arrangements until she turned up for the recording sessions in London. "I was thrilled. They are wonderful," she said. "They embrace the lyrics and bear the voice along on what feels like a cushion of air."

The stable influence in Te Kanawa's hectic life is her Australian businessman husband, Desmond Park, whom she met on a blind date shortly after graduating from singing college. The couple have two adopted children — Antonia and Thomas — and Te Kanawa emphasises that she tries to make them feel special, just as her own adoptive mother did when she was a child. "I tell them all the time 'You're special,'" she said. "How many natural mothers do that?"

Are Antonia and Thomas musically inclined? "You have to know that music has always taken me away from them, so they ask: 'Are you working today?' and I'll say No," said Te Kanawa. "This is not to say that they don't enjoy music. They love to hear me on the radio, and my little boy says: 'That's you!' quite proudly."

Home for Te Kanawa and her family is a large house in Surrey, England, with a vacation retreat on the Algarve coast in Portugal. In between shows, the opera stars keeps in trim by playing squash, tennis and, her great passion, golf.

In spite of her professionalism on stage, Dame Kiri has a girlish streak in her. In her hotel room in Milan, a batch of publicity photographs had been put out, ready for a messenger to pick up, but the one Te Kanawa didn't like was liberally decorated with a devil's tail and horns, a fenderish grin and a sinister mustache.

Near her desk, a humidifier kept the air's moisture content at a constant level because, as a singer, Te Kanawa has to take great care of her health. She is also a fanatical anti-smoker.

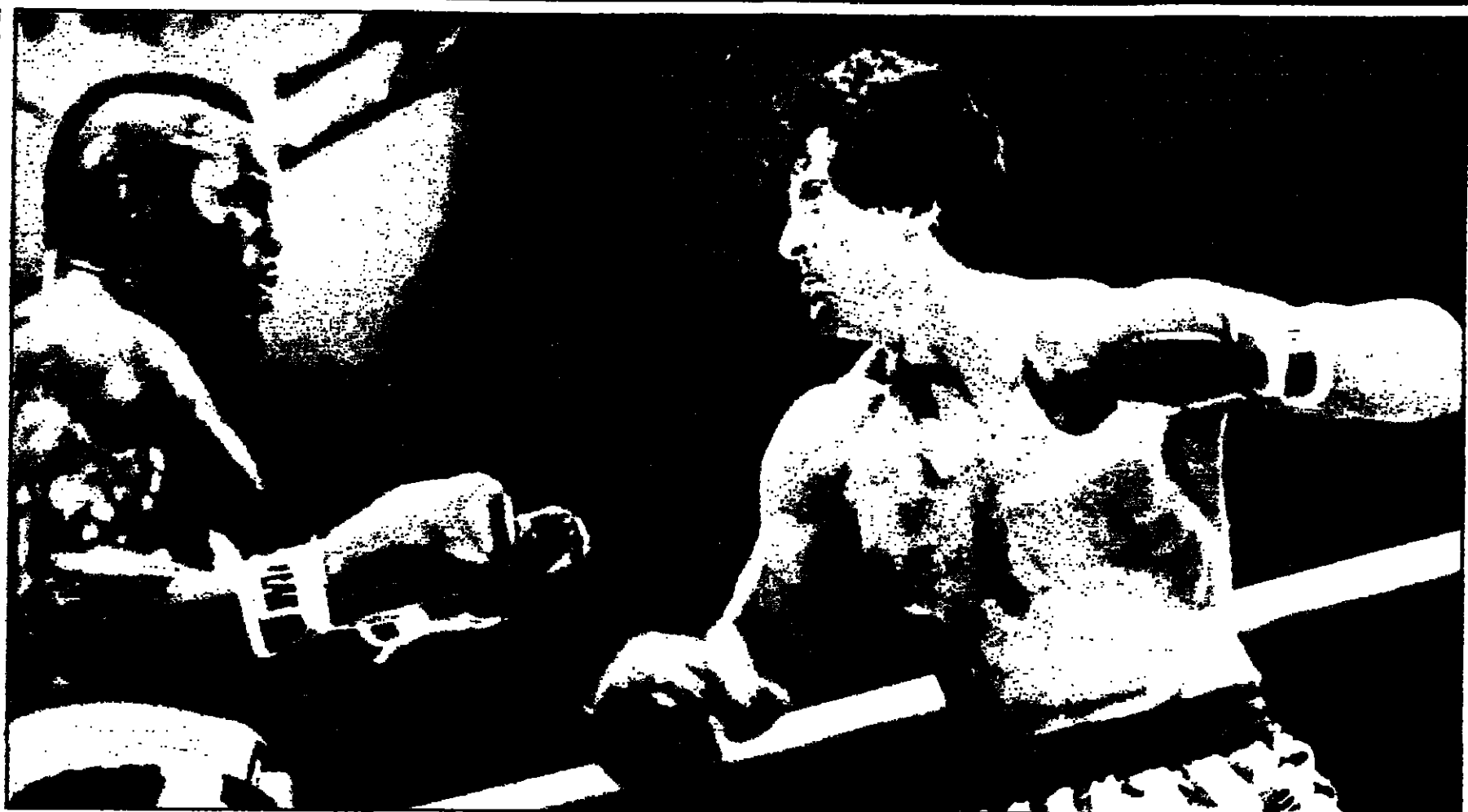
"When I recorded 'West Side Story' the room had to be cleared every half-hour because Leonard Bernstein is almost a chain smoker, especially when he is conducting a rehearsal or a recording session," she noted. And at a party given for her recently in Japan, following a recital, Dame Kiri insisted on having every cigarette extinguished for the sake of her voice, only to discover that one man was still smoking — her piano accompanist.

Even a common cold can bring a total halt to all professional engagements. "What a problem it was when the children were younger, for I not only went through all the routine anxieties that children's illnesses bring to every mother, but there was always the trauma of catching the infection myself, which I did constantly," she said.

A recent release is a video made of Dame Kiri's best-known role, that of the Marchioness, Princess of Werdenburg, in Richard Strauss' romantic opera "Der Rosenkavalier," generally acknowledged to be one of the greatest character studies in the world of opera. Set in Vienna, the opera shows how the Marchioness's happiness becomes marred by her flirtation with Count Octavian comes to an end when he falls in love with another woman, to whom, as Cavalier of the Rose — hence the title — he is called upon to present a silver rose in honour of her betrothal to another man.

Te Kanawa remembers the role with great affection. "I knew the part very well which is usually a great help because sometimes when you've learned a part and are singing it for the first time you're really not ready for the television cameras and all those close-ups," she said.

"Then too, there was one of the greatest conductors in the world in the pit, Sir George Solti. I also had wonderful colleagues and great stage direction from John Schlesinger."



Sylvester Stallone faces Mr. T. in Rocky III.

## Putting punch in boxing flicks

### Ex-boxer Jimmy: the man behind film fights

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 12, (UPI) — Ever lost credibility during a boxing movie when the fighters bombard each other with enough knock-out blows in a single round to send Mike Tyson to cuckoo land forever?

You know, the "Rocky" pictures and others of the like in which the hero takes enough punishment in the first few rounds to put his brain in a jar at a university's medical school. Then he comes back in the 10th to score a K.O.

It happens in almost every fight picture, or, for that matter, in any fist action scene where hazy-makers are landed with little immediate or long-lasting effect.

Even filmmakers know the human body can't absorb that much brutalising.

Real fights are devoted to endless rounds of welting, jabbing, sparring, feinting and clinching. Dull stuff, until one of the gladiators gets his bell rung.

So, who is responsible for this make-believe mayhem? Jimmy Nickerson. That's who. Well, at least he's one of the culprits.

Jimmy is a youngish curly haired former boxer who choreographs film fights. His credits include "Rocky" and "Rocky II,"

"Raging Bull" and other hit boxing movies.

In addition to Sylvester Stallone and Robert Deniro, he has worked with several actors handy with their dukes — Charles Bronson, Ryan O'Neal, Dennis Quaid, Treat Williams, Klaus Maria Brandauer and more.

His latest pugilistic star is Jorge Rivero in "Fistfighter." He said Rivero is one of the best non-boxers he has trained for a role.

Among them all, only Deniro might have made it as a professional fighter, according to Nickerson, who has appeared as an anonymous fighter in several films.

"Deniro got so deeply into his role as Jake Lamotta he became a fighter in his own mind," Nickerson said. "And when he gets mad, he goes. Jake trained him for 18 months."

"When I came in to choreograph the fights, I put Jake in the ring with Deniro and he jarred up poor old Jake several times."

"Quaid had a lot of ability and wanted to be an amateur fighter at one time. But to most actors, it's just another job and they want to get it over with."

"Bronson is a good natural athlete. He

knew the basics of boxing and he always stayed within himself."

Nickerson is peculiarly silent on Stallone's boxing prowess. And, although he didn't coach Jon Voight for "The Champ," he thought Voight lacked credibility.

"Stallone fights square," he said. "He doesn't put one foot in front of the other. So he gets hit a lot when he jumps into his opponent straight ahead."

On the other hand, Nickerson was impressed with Carl Weathers, who played Apollo Creed in the "Rocky" pictures. He thought Weathers made a very believable boxer.

"Stallone tagged me a couple of times by accident, but his punches never hurt," Nickerson said. "Deniro came to hurt me, not play pity-pat. He got my attention pretty good."

"Jorge was terrific. He never wanted to stop. He insisted on training every day and he became a good bare-knuckle fighter. Very dedicated from a guy pushing 30 years old."

"Fistfighter" is the story of a man (Rivero) out to avenge the death of a friend

in South America, where he teams up with a burned out boxer played by Edward Albert.

Nickerson, who had 16 professional fights as a light-heavyweight, said the exaggerated power punches in films are necessary dramatic licence. Otherwise, movie patrons would run for the exits.

"If people want reality in prizefighting, they go to the nearest arena and see some matches," he said. "In movies they are looking for drama, impact and violence."

"It's the domino effect. Whatever is successful and making money, the producers will hang in there. Violence in the ring makes for good box office."

"As far as I'm concerned, there is nothing in sports as dramatic or exciting as a championship fight. And I guess I'm the guilty party when it comes to making them more exciting for movies."

"Every time I do fight choreography, the producer or director unfailingly tells me, 'Jimmy, remember, if the fights are no good, the picture's no good.'"

"It's all predictable, but how you get there is what makes the difference between the successful picture and the loser."

## Omega-3 maintains electrolyte balance

# Fishy way of reducing blood pressure

MIAMI BEACH, Florida, Sept. 12, (UPI) — A fatty acid found in fish can help reduce high blood pressure by purging the body of excess salt, researchers told the American Chemical Society's annual meeting yesterday.

The study was released on the second day of the annual week-long gathering, which is drawing an estimated 8,000 scientists from around the world.

Dr. Constance Kies, a chemist at the University of Nebraska, reported that a fatty acid found in fish can help to reduce high blood pressure by purging the body of excess sodium.

The substance, known as Omega-3, has been examined before for its ability to reduce blood clots, but its role in reducing blood pressure has come under study only recently, Kies said.

Omega-3 occurs naturally in cold-water, fresh water and salt-water fish, including tuna, salmon, halibut, lake trout, herring and whitefish.

Kies said her findings show that Omega-3 can help to maintain a proper electrolyte balance in the human body by causing excess sodium to be passed from the body in urine.

"Electrolyte balance has long been associated with dysfunction such as high blood pressure and stroke," Kies said.

An Omega-3 supplement has much the same effect as low sodium diet, but the substance is better than diuretics commonly prescribed for hypertension because, unlike many diuretics, Omega-3 does not reduce potas-

**FAMILY DOCTOR**  
By DR. ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## Fifth disease worries

QUESTION: I'm panic stricken. I'm pregnant, and my other child has broken out with a rash that has been diagnosed as "Fifth Disease." My doctor fears that I may catch the same infection, with serious effects on my unborn baby. Can I pass anything on if I don't become infected? What are the risks to my baby? Do you have any information to help me?

ANSWER: Your concerns are shared by an ever-increasing number of expectant mothers whose youngsters come down with Fifth Disease (or as some call it, "erythema infectiosum," a common childhood disease characterized by a rash and temperature). The cause of this viral disease is a human parvovirus B19, discovered in 1975 and subsequently identified as the primary infectious agent.

The data needed to answer your questions is only now being developed, but there are a few, general facts I can offer. If you have had the disease, or been exposed to this disease as a child — and most adults have — it is doubtful that you can contract it a second time. Currently tests necessary to determine your state of immunity are only available at a few research laboratories, but your physician may be able to obtain one for you.

If you don't have the disease now, while you are pregnant, there is no chance that your baby will be affected. There is no vaccine to prevent B19 infection, and there have been no studies to evaluate the use of immune globulin injections to prevent infections or modify the course of illness. Routine use of this injection in cases such as yours is not recommended.

There is reason to be optimistic. Although published reports indicate that the B19 virus seems to affect babies born to women who become infected during their pregnancies, it does so infrequently. (Those effects range from spontaneous abortion to malformations, depending on what stage of pregnancy the woman is in when she contracts the disease.)

Thus, it would seem you are a long way from having to consider any dire outcomes to this situation.

QUESTION: I have a soft lump on the back of my knee that hurts when I straighten my leg. My doctor told me it was a Baker's cyst, but I can't find anything about it in my medical books. Is this anything to worry about? Can it turn into cancer? It isn't getting any better, and I've had it for six months.

ANSWER: It's also called a "popliteal

cyst," since the back of your knee is the popliteal area, and it may be the result of a hernia, or pushing outward of the fibrous capsule of your knee, or of one of the bursa that are located in this area. A bursa is a sac or sac-like formation that contains the thick, viscous fluid that helps to "oil" the joint and prevent friction.

Although a Baker's cyst (named after Dr. W.M. Baker, who described it first) may occur at any age, it is seen most frequently in men ages 15 to 30. Its cause is unknown, although trauma to the knee is suspected, and it never progresses into a cancer of any type. Conservative treatment using anti-inflammatory medications, or aspirating the fluid out of the cyst and injecting it with corticosteroids, may reduce the symptoms temporarily.

However, your only hope for a permanent solution is to have the sac removed surgically. The surgeon dissects the cyst away from the surrounding tissue, and ties off the neck of the sac. When performed properly, this has a permanent effect and prevents the cyst from increasing in size and extending down the leg. The pain will also disappear, and you will regain normal function in your knee and leg.

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## Goats: black plague of desert

EIN GHAZAL, Jordan, Sept. 12, (AP) — A mysterious force drove people from villages like this throughout the region nearly 8,000 years ago, following one of mankind's first drives toward civilization.

In chips of charcoal, slivers of plaster and trash-heaps of bones, archaeologists at Ein Ghazal say they have found a major suspect — the domesticated goat.

"Goats are referred to as the black plague of the desert," said Gary Rollefson of San Diego State University in California.

He and his colleagues suggest that voracious, newly domesticated animals destroyed the soil and ate the fuel around some of mankind's earliest settlements, gradually helping to rush the residents into a nomadic lifestyle.

The villages here rose about the same time as those in ancient Mesopotamia, that is now Iraq, which later evolved into civilization.

"Mesopotamia never had this abandoned period," Rollefson said. "One of the reasons was they didn't have goats."

He has spent six digging seasons at Ein Ghazal, on the edge of Amman, together with co-directors Zaidan Kafafi from the University of Jordan and

Alan Simmons of the University of Nevada's Desert Research Institute in Reno.

Their work, completed this summer, uncovered one of the Middle East's more important archaeological sites — a village roughly three to four times the size of ancient Jericho that traded with other peoples hundreds of miles (kilometres) away.

"It was one of the largest population centres of its time," Rollefson said.

He estimated that at its peak, as many as 3,000 people might have been crowded into its 35 acres (14 hectares).

Jericho, about 30 miles (50 kilometres) to the West, and other early settlements in the region were abandoned about 6,500 B.C., Rollefson said.

But Ein Ghazal hung on for another 1,500 years near the edge of the great Arabian deserts.

He said Ein Ghazal's survival, despite a drier location, argues against the more common theory that villagers abandoned the early settlements when the earth warmed and farming and food gathering grew too difficult.

But he noted that goats were first domesticated about 7,000 B.C. and rapidly became a major source of food in the region.



## Clips

**Von Bulow dramas** Glenn Close, Jeremy Irons and Ron Silver star in "Reversal of Fortune," an Edward R. Pressman production based on writer Nicholas Kazan's account of the Claus von Bulow legal ordeal.

Set against the world of the super rich, "Reversal of Fortune" is a portrayal of the inner workings of the intricate and dramatic legal process involving the aristocrat's battle to prove himself innocent of attempting to kill his American wife.

Barbet Schroeder is directing the Warner Bros. drama on locations in New York City for producers Pressman and Oliver Stone.

**Batman videocin** One of the swiftest conversions of a major movie hit to videocassette, Warner Bros. has announced "Batman" will become available in video stores Nov. 15 in time for Christmas buying.

The video of the most successful film in Warner Bros. History, produced by Peter Guber and Jon Peters, will sell for a suggested list price of \$24.98 in the United States and \$29.95 in Canada, the studio announced.

At last count, "Batman," starring Michael Keaton and Jack Nicholson, had topped \$240 million at the domestic box office and is proving to be a raging hit abroad.

**TV 101** Ice skating champions Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner have reunited to co-host a one-hour CBS-TV ice spectacular featuring music made famous by the movies.

Babilonia and Gardner will skate in the special, which was taped in Toronto by Dick Clark-Michael Steele productions. Among others appearing in the show will be Elizabeth Manley, Robin Cousins and John Curry. A spokesman for Babilonia said NBC-TV currently is preparing a two-hour movie chronicling the rise of the young skating star and her descent into drugs, alcohol and attempted suicide.

**Early blurt** Universal Pictures and Steven Spielberg's Amblin entertainment believe the early blurt gets the box office bucks with the announcement that a countdown has begun on "Back to the Future Part II."

Although the comedy sequel is not due for release until Nov. 22, the publicity blitz has already started with three especially created, fully digitalized billboards designed to track the hours, minutes and exact seconds until the film is released.

## Money no longer matters

## The last crusade of Indiana Jones

**HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 12 (UPI):** The further and final adventures of Indiana Jones, the swashbuckling archaeologist with the bullwhip and battered fedora, will gross at least \$150 million in North America alone before the year is out.

This time, in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," the intrepid adventurer played flawlessly by Harrison Ford is in pursuit of the Holy Grail. Abetted by the addition of his father, Dr. Henry Jones, played to tweedy perfection by Sean Connery, the finale of the trilogy will be one of the major hits of the year.

Producer George Lucas and Director Steven Spielberg already hold the lion's share of all-time box-office winners between them, either as a team or individually — "E.T. The Extraterrestrial," the "Star Wars" trilogy, "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom," "Back to the Future," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Lucas, 45, is an unprepossessing man. He eschews Hollywood in favor of his studio complex in the San Francisco Bay area, but he visits the movie capital from time to time on business.

On a recent trip, Lucas expressed confidence that "The Last Crusade" would live up to industry expectations and will indeed be the finale.

"We decided to limit the series to three because creatively the well had sort of run dry even before we decided to make this picture," he said.

"We make films because we enjoy the process of making movies. If you can't come up with a good story, then there's no reason to do it."

"We almost didn't make this one because I wasn't satisfied with the original script. It wasn't inspiring enough for the effort. Then I came up with the current script and we became excited about it."

Originally, we decided on three Indiana Jones films, which made it sort of a commitment. And I wanted to see it through."

Lucas said he no longer makes movies for the money, not that he doesn't fully appreciate the millions that most of his films bring in. His purpose, he said, is principally creative.

Without profit as a primary

motive, Lucas, as an independent producer, is free of the pressures of making choices on the basis of profit and loss.

"I've never been economically motivated, and I don't think Steven is either," he said.

"I believe... that I make films based purely on my own emotional relationship with the idea, the theme and story. It has to be a movie I want to make for whatever reason I want to make it."

"It's not a matter of money. You make the kind of picture you want to make regardless. I made 'American Graffiti' for less than \$1 million."

"The truth of it is that making large budget, giant kinds of movies is not necessarily as satisfying as making smaller films."

"What happens is you come up with an idea for a movie, whether big or small, you get captured with the idea and you make it. Neither Steven nor I have been restricted to doing big films. If the option isn't there, you focus on the little ones."

"If the idea grows into a big film, then you go with it. Size of a film has nothing to do with its artistic success. The cost of a film doesn't determine its worth."

"No one is going to be able to do these huge films much longer because they've become too expensive. No matter who you are, they soon won't be affordable."

"It's sad, but eventually there won't be any more 'Gone With the Winds' or 'Lawrence of Arabia' or 'Dr. Zhivago' because of economics. I'm afraid we'll end up with a lot of overweight movies of the week."

"It's already happened to an extent. Look back at 'Intolerance.' My God, the expenditure of time and energy couldn't possibly be made today."

Lucas says "We" a lot. "It's difficult to determine whether he's being imperial, but he clearly dislikes the first person singular when it comes to his accomplishments."

For instance, "For the group of us, filmmaking is a creative process, not an economic thing. We don't need to produce another movie to make more money. We make movies because we enjoy it."

Lucas added that he and Spielberg will join forces again somewhere down the road.



Harrison Ford as Indiana Jones.

## Lucky Doody grabs Indiana Jones' role

**HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 12 (UPI):** What better way for an aspiring actress to make her major movie debut than as the love interest in the third and allegedly final "Indiana Jones"?

Such is the luck of Alison Doody of Dublin, who stars in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" with Harrison Ford and Sean Connery.

Doody plays Elsa Schneider, an Austrian intriguer who may or may not be a Nazi in the World War II period flick. Scandalously, Elsa not only beds Indiana Jones but also his father, Dr. Henry Jones.

The tall, slender actress — elegant in blue pants and a blouse lounging in a Beverly Hills hotel suite — brings to mind Grace Kelly, or maybe Catherine Deneuve.

In an accent more British than Irish

brogue, Doody said she could not imagine a better way to make her debut in a leading role — she had bit parts in "A Prayer for the Dying" and "A View to a Kill" — than in an "Indiana Jones" film, destined to earn hundreds of millions of dollars.

"I think I would go with the way things have been. Working in 'Indie' will introduce me to so many people who will go to see it," she said.

"That's a great advantage because people who make films will know my name when it comes to actually casting me for something else. I won't be a stranger."

"I don't know how it would be playing a lead part in a smaller film. Actually, I am very pleased with Elsa because she is a complex woman, not just a female playing along with the boys."

"She's not a victim by any means. Not a

woman in jeopardy. She is tough and independent and a match for Indie. I was happy for that."

Elsa is indeed more than just another pretty face. She keeps poor Indiana Jones off balance, never quite sure if she is friend or foe.

"The one thing about her is that she's as determined and obsessed as Indie is to get her hands on the Holy Grail."

"He falls prey to the same people that Elsa does. She is very cool, independent and gutsy, and I should think a good many actresses would like to play a woman like that. She's not as bad as some of the villains. I had a sympathy for her."

Doody laughed and admitted that Elsa is not exactly a paragon of virtue.

"Yes, she did have an affair with both the father and the son," she said. "I sup-

pose that is a bit unusual even for a Hollywood movie."

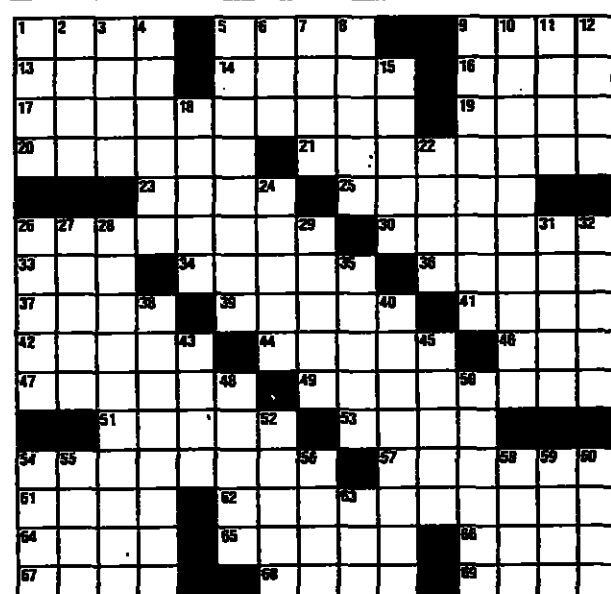
"Because she does sleep with them both, there is no way she can survive at the end. She has to pay for that sin in true Hollywood tradition. It was all wonderful fun."

"The affair with the father is only implied. And the love scene with Indie is very brief and modestly done. No nudity. That's not my style. I wouldn't have played it that way. Better to leave everything to the imagination."

"It was exciting," Doody said. "I met them casually and they gave me three scenes to memorize. They said, 'come back in two days, then with an Austrian accent.'"

"Now that I've seen the film, I'm happy with the way it turned out. How could it not turn out well with Steven directing it?"

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

**Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**

♠K984 ♥K83 ♦J642 ♣83

The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—For the moment, you have done all you can with your positive response. With no first-round control to show, be content with four spades. It is up to partner to make another move toward slam.

**Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**

♠74 ♥9862 ♦AKJ3 ♣Q84

The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Dbl ?

What action do you take?

A.—With 10 points you have enough to redouble. However, what do you intend doing if your left-hand opponent bids two clubs or two hearts and that gets passed back to you? To avoid that dilemma, bid one no trump now, which shows a good balanced hand—exactly what you have.

**Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**

♠J82 ♥KQ765 ♦1052 ♣53

The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
1 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—You have the values for one forward-going bid, and you have taken it. Pass. To rebid two hearts, you should have a six-card suit since partner, who has already shown two suits, rates to be short in hearts.

**Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**

♠53 ♥KQ765 ♦1052 ♣J83

The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
1 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—The same conditions apply as above. However, you must bid two clubs. You prefer partner's first suit by a wide margin, so tell him so. This is not a forward-going bid, just a correction.

**Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**

♠53 ♥KQJ76 ♦1052 ♣963

The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
1 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—We said in a previous answer that you should have a six-card suit to bid two hearts. However, you must think for yourself. This hand is likely to take three or four tricks with hearts as trumps, but nothing playing in any other strain. Bid two hearts. Partner's high cards will help your cause.

**Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**

♠J762 ♥6 ♦AK953 ♥J94

The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
1 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—This time you are easily worth another bid, and the choice is obvious. You have a four-card major suit, so go ahead and tell partner about it. Bid one spade.

## THE WIZARD OF ID

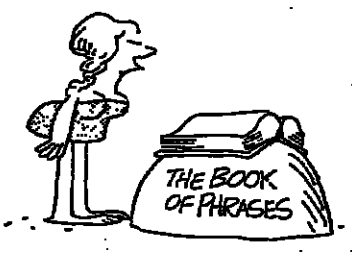
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## "WORKING WITHOUT A NET"



## THE TITLE OF FRANKIE AVALON'S FIRST SOLD MOVIE



## YOUR STARS



**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**

You should not strike a bargain, unless it is something you really want. Your lucky numbers are 12 and 27. All kinds of exaggeration are to be avoided. Refrain from using force. Be trustworthy.



**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**

You will tend to allow your attention to wander — try not to. Attend to details but do not become bogged down in them. Do not take without giving in return. Be attentive.



**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**

Avoid trying to do more than one thing at a time. Take measures to deal with a tendency towards forgetfulness. Do not expect others to do just what you would wish them to do. Be objective.



**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**

You are rather liable to lose things so take more care. You should avoid having too many small snacks. Try not to lose sight of your objectives. Be less obstinate.



**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**

Pay a little more attention to what you are doing and do not look over your shoulder quite so much. You will have something to be pleased about. Try to exercise just a little more self-control. Be patient.



**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**

You will feel rather tired and should try to have an early night. You should not do anything that would exceed the limits of propriety. Do not try to run before you can walk. Be tolerant.



**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**

Something you have learnt recently will come in extremely useful. You will have a lot to do but do not get flustered. Do not be hostile to change, but there is no point in change just for the sake of change. Be loyal.



**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**

This is no time to take undue risks or to gamble with more than you can really afford to lose. Do not rely on guesswork. Show your love and affection for your partner. Be reliable.



**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**

Not everything will be to your liking but you will know how to make the best of things. You will be able to forgive someone and this will redound to your benefit in an unexpected way.



**Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**

You will tend to be rather superficial and must do all you can to counteract this tendency. Do not let others persuade you to do something against your better judgment. Be sincere.



**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**

You will have to take things more as they come. If you do not take pleasure in small things you will not have much pleasure from anything. You should consider an offer or proposal carefully. Be frugal.



**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**

Try to show a little more goodwill towards others. You should not let some small upset discourage you altogether — instead try hard. Avoid becoming set in your ways. Be considerate.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Move to raise living standards

## Plans to set up Baltic common market

MOSCOW, Sept. 12. (Reuters) — The Soviet Baltic republics have pledged closer economic co-operation with the goal of setting up a Baltic common market by 1993, spokesmen said today.

A decision to try to co-ordinate the economic activities of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania was made on Friday evening at a meeting of senior government officials from the republics and leaders of the popular front mass movements.

The aim of the Baltic common market is to set up an integrated economic complex and co-ordinate foreign economic activities, declared a resolution passed at the meeting in Panevezys, Lithuania.

"The common goal is to raise living standards of the people of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania," said the resolution, according to a spokesman for the Sajudis Movement in Lithuania.

Under the announced plan, the Baltic republics would co-ordinate their own production and set up a single mechanism to deal with trade with other Soviet republics and foreign countries, said the spokesman, Langone Vasilauskas.

But it was unclear whether they would expect trade barriers against other Soviet republics, or what currency they would use, said Vasilauskas, a Sajudis secretary.

The details, once worked out, would have to be ratified by the Baltic parliaments.

"We are just getting started. There is nothing concrete yet," Cepaitis told Reuters by telephone from Vilnius.

The decision was the latest manifestation of the Baltic republics' determination to set their own political and economic agenda despite strong criticism from the Kremlin that they have already gone too far.

The Supreme Soviet, or parliament, in Moscow gave preliminary backing to the Baltic republics last month but postponed formal legislation on economic independence until the next session opening on September 25.

Strikers went back to work on Monday in two Soviet republics hit by nationalist unrest after local governments agreed to meet some of the organisers' demands.

In Azerbaijan, a strike which crippled the railways and affected the oil industry was suspended after authorities pledged to recognise the local popular front and seek a return to Azeri control over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

In Moldova, Russian and Ukrainian workers said they would go back to work in stages after the government promised to have legal experts re-examine recent legislation that makes Moldavian the state language.

The meeting on the Baltic economies was held under the auspices of the popular fronts of Estonia and Latvia and the Sajudis movement of Lithuania — all launched in the past 18 months with the goal of more autonomy from Moscow.

Among those attending were the deputy prime ministers of Lithuania and Estonia — Kazimiera Prunskiene and Edgar Savisaar — and the deputy chiefs of the state planning agencies of all three republics, according to Vasilauskas.

The meeting was held without any consultation with Moscow, said Cepaitis, who was present at the gathering.

"This is all brand new. We will soon find out what the Kremlin's reaction will be," he said.

Under the decision, the Baltic republics would by next year work out an inter-governmental agreement on integrating their production, said Vasilauskas, a journalist employed by the Sajudis Information Agency.

The appeal was made by Omani Undersecretary for Petroleum and Minerals Salem Bin Mohammed at the Asia-Pacific petroleum conference.

"We believe that a more co-operative and less confrontational atmosphere in international relations could be the key for avoiding major economic problems," he said.

The deterioration of oil prices accounts for unfair terms of trade, said Salem, "with the relations between developing countries and industrial countries markedly in favour of the industrialised nations."

Indonesia, he said, has 91 trillion cubic feet of gas reserves and expects to find more.

But Ginandjar, said that increasing trade in gas has no chance of developing if the resource must compete with crude prices.

## Dollar mixed

UK stocks trim losses

LONDON, Sept. 12. (AP) — The dollar ended mixed in aimless European trading today, as dealers preferred to trade in narrow ranges rather than take any big positions ahead of US economic figures due later in the week.

Gold prices also were mixed.

There were unconfirmed rumours of Bank of Japan intervention in Asian trading. No other central banks were sighted during the day.

Dealers said the dollar twice tried to break through the bottom of its recent range, at 1.9800 West German marks. The attempts were unsuccessful, and instead triggered light buying that brought the dollar back up to its late levels.

A corporate dealer at a US bank in London predicted the dollar would trade between 1.9800 marks and 2.0000 marks until the market sees the latest batch of US figures, which are expected to give the dollar a clearer direction.

US retail sales figures for August are to be released Thursday. Trade figures for July are due on Friday, as well as producer prices, industrial production and capacity utilization numbers for August.

In London, the dollar fell against the British pound. It cost \$1.5470 to buy one pound, dearer than \$1.5450 late Monday.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Monday:

- 1.9880 West German marks, up from 1.9875
- 1.7160 Swiss francs, up from 1.7150
- 6.6950 French francs, down from 6.6970
- 2.2330 Dutch guilders, down from 2.2425
- 1.421.75 Italian lire, down from 1.424.75
- 1.1892 Canadian dollars, up from 1.1873

In Tokyo, where trading ended before Europe's business day begins, the dollar fell 1.04 yen to a closing 146.73 yen. Later, in London, it was quoted at a rate of 147.08 yen.

Gold held steady in London at a late bid price of \$358.75 a troy ounce, unchanged from Monday's late bid.

In Zurich, gold was lower, closing at a bid \$358.55 compared with Friday's \$360.00. Markets were closed Monday afternoon for a holiday.

In Hong Kong, gold rose \$1.03 to close at a bid \$359.93.

Silver bullion prices held steady on the London market where the metal was trading at a late bid price of 5.08 dollars a troy ounce, unchanged from Monday's late bid.

In London share prices trimmed much of their earlier losses, helped by Wall Street which turned higher after its initial mixed tone.

However dealers said that concern over prospects for company earnings in the UK weighed on sentiment. This is the height of the busy half-year corporate results schedule.

One trader said, "Wall Street's firmer and that seems to have dragged us up here but I don't think there's any real volume behind it."

Dealers said the market may be fairly quiet until key economic data, including August UK retail prices, later this week.

Kingfisher was 1 1/2p higher at 349 on first half pre-tax profits of £62.7 million, excluding property profits, from a previous 49.1 million, and against market estimates of 52 to 63 million.

Palestine membership in IAEA

## Arabs to launch bid

VIENNA, Sept. 12. (KUNA) — The Arab group at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will launch a bid during the agency's general congress, scheduled to open here Sept. 25, for accession of the state of Palestine as full fledged member, it was disclosed today.

Iraq's new ambassador in Vienna and representative to the Vienna-based agency, Rahim Abed told Arab journalists today that a draft resolution would be tabled by the Arab group elevating Palestinian representation from the present observer status to full membership.

The Arab draft resolution has been put before the group of 77 developing states, who voiced tentative support to back it up at the congress, the Iraqi envoy explained.

The agency's general congress held in the Brazilian capital of Rio de Janeiro in 1976 has accorded the Palestine Liberation Organisation observer status, as one of the world's national liberation movements.

The Arab draft, according to the envoy, is aimed at expanding Palestinian participation in various activities of the agency, after such participation has been hampered over recent years by numerous countries, opposed to Palestinian presence in UN organisations and other specialised agencies.

However, the Iraqi envoy admitted that several parties had expressed reservations regarding admission of the Palestinian state as full member to the agency.

A meeting between the Arab group and the Group of 77 is set for Sept. 19 to put final touches to the draft resolution for presentation to the general congress at the end of this month, Abed indicated.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Sept. 12. (Reuters) — The All-Ordinaries index fell 15.2 points to 1,741.3 under pressure from a sell-off in futures, programme trading and a rise in local interest rates.

TOKYO: A five-day slump ended with the Nikkei index gaining 219.22 points to 34,332.88. A firm yen encouraged buyers but traders

said rising interest rates were causing caution.

HONG KONG: Prices ended easier but above their lows on late buying in thin trading. Traders said the market remained fragile and players were unwilling to take positions ahead of the long weekend. The Hang Seng index fell 4.45 to 2,610.15.

BOMBAY: Share prices rallied on speculative and institutional buying to finish mixed after a two-day fall. Tata Steel recovered five rupees to 1,178.75.

## Tokyo share prices

Nikkei stock average: 34,332.88

(+ 219.22)

Volume: 500 mil shs

Yen exchange rate: 146.73

Name of stock

Chug

Advantech Corporation

Ajinomoto

Alps Electric

Azuda

Asahi Chemical Indus

Asahi Glass

C. Itoh Co.

Canon Inc.

Casio Computer

Dai Nippon Printing

Daiichi Sankyo

Dainippon Pharmaceut

Daishinku Corp

Elasi

Fanuc Ltd.

Fuji Photo Film Co.

Fujitsu Ltd.

Hitachi Credit

Hitachi Koki

Hitachi Ltd.

Hitachi Metal

Honda Motor

Ito-Yokado Co., Ltd.

Kajima Corporation

Kawasaki Heavy Ind.

Kobe Cast Iron Works

Kokusai Elec.

Komatsu Ltd.

Kyocera Corporation

Marui

Matsushita Comm. Ind.

Matsushita Electric

Mazda Motor Corp.

Mitsubishi Corporation

Mitsubishi Estate

Mitsubishi Heavy Ind.

Mitsui Real Estate

Mizuno Corporation

Mochida Pharmaceutical

Mori Seiki Co., Ltd.

NEC Corporation

Nikon Corporation

Nippon Shuppan Co. Ltd.

Nippon Steel Corp.

Nippon Soda Co., Ltd.

Nitaku Corporation

Nomura Securities

Okuma Machinery Work

Onward Kashiwaya Co.

Orix Corporation

Pioneer Electronic Co.

Renown Look Inc.

Sanyo Electric Co.

Secom Co., Ltd.

Shin-Etsu Chemical Co.

Shindengen Electric

Sony Corporation

Sumitomo Elec. Ind.

Sumitomo Metal Ind.

Takada Chemical Ind.

TDK Corporation

Tokio Marine Fire

Tokyo Elec. Power

Tokyo Electron Ltd.

Toppan Printing

Toshiba Industries Inc.

Toshiba Corporation

Toyota Motor Corp.

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Banyu Pharm

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Taisei

Yokogawa

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## Indian trade team for Thailand

BANGKOK, Sept. 12. (AP) — An Indian trade delegation will arrive here later this month to exchange views and to boost the bilateral trade between the two countries, a senior official from Commerce Ministry said here last week.

Vishnu To Kshit-Arpana, a Thai commercial councillor to India disclosed that 20 members from India's trade and industrial federation will arrive here on Sept. 24 to hold talks with the government agencies, board of trade of Thailand and association of trade of Thai industries.

Apart from trade expansion, the talks are expected to cover the setting up of the Indian-Thai federation on trade and industry, which will serve as a centre for exchanging information on trade and joint investment.

The visit is also aimed at increasing the two-way trade to \$1,000 million by the year 1992, against the present figure of \$368 million, he said.

Coal, chemicals, steel, jewellery and cement are major products that the two sides would like to trade in. The Indian government is interested in having joint ventures on cement production with Thailand which is in need of more cement.

Vishnu said that the problems exist in Thai-Indian trade relations. At present, India suffers a balance of payment deficit, resulting in the depreciation of rupee which affects Thai trade at a certain level.

The Thai side is likely to propose the use of the dollar for the two-way trade to remedy the problem during the talks with their Indian counterpart.

## Currency rates

KUWAIT, Sept. 12. (KUNA) — Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.30082	0.30197
Sterling	0.46320	0.46840
DM.	0.15090	0.15240
S. fr.	0.17480	0.17670
F. fr.	0.04481	0.04522
IL. lira	0.0002105	0.0002127
Jap. yen	0.002040	0.002065
Bh. dinar	0.79770	0.80140
UAE dh.	0.08186	0.08228
S. riyal	0.08015	0.08057
Q. riyal	0.08257	0.08303
O. riyal	0.78090	0.78500

Indian rupee: 18.090

Sri Lankan rupee: 7.780

Pakistan rupee: 14.440

Bangladesh taka: 9.270

US dollar: 30.185

Pound sterling: 467.50

Deutsche mark: 1.5205

UAE dirham: 0.8215

Japanese yen: 0.02065

## Venezuela outlines strategy for stability

'Low oil prices will have dire consequences'

SINGAPORE, Sept. 12. (UPI) — Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Mines Celstino Armas proposed today a strategy for stability in the oil market "to tame the beast" of price uncertainty.

Although Armas was forced to cancel his appearance before the Asia-Pacific petroleum conference, his keynote address on price volatility and security of supply and demand as critical issues of the 1990s was read to the 800 delegates by Venezuelan Ambassador Jesus Gracia Coronado.

Armas said his proposal would assure producers of reliable market outlets, satisfy the consumer's need for a secure supply of both crude oil and products and spread out the risk.

"This could be viewed as an insurance policy for the producer against possible losses in market

shares, and for the consumer as a permanent commitment of the producers' reserves to guarantee their energy needs."

Armas and two other representatives of major oil producing countries stressed a long period of low prices will have dire consequences and ultimately drive costs even higher than peak levels in the past.

"When confronted with price uncertainty, all parties involved will be forced to focus their attention on short term fluctuations, rather than planning for, and investing in, a desired energy future," he said.

The demand for higher product quality and increasing investments in new technologies to overcome undesirable environmental side effects will become impossible to meet amid dismally low prices, Armas said.

Noting that prices must be competitive with those of the alternative fuels, Armas said, "there is an urgent need to invest in research and development of technologies that would permit new resources to be developed and produced" economically.

"Though competitive prices will tend to rise in a moderate manner, in line with a rising demand as well as a diminishing excess of production capacity," Armas said, "a sustained period of very low prices would have dire consequences, not only for the producing segment of the oil industry, but would affect negatively all other sectors."

Were low prices to be maintained, there exists the distinct possibility of a bottleneck in the supply and distribution chain some time in the mid 1990s," he warned.

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## Credits not used for arms: Iraq

ROME, Sept. 12. (Reuters) — Iraq today denied reports that it bought arms with export credits that are at the centre of a scandal shaking Italy's biggest commercial bank.

Two top officials of the state-owned Banca Nazionale del Lavoro (BNL) resigned last week after the bank disclosed its Atlanta, Georgia, branch had extended \$1.72 billion of unauthorised export credits to Iraq.

BNL sacked Christopher Drogoul, the branch manager in Atlanta, and filed a legal complaint against him in Rome, saying the Iraqi loans were hidden from senior management.

The bank said that most of the credits given to Iraq by the Atlanta branch were arranged after last year's ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

But the Iraqi embassy in Rome said yesterday that the Atlanta branch had records with Baghdad dating back to 1982, early in the war.

Press reports in London and Italy have suggested that part of the credits were used to finance military equipment purchases.

But a statement by the embassy said: "Credits arranged under the accords were used to finance development projects and import agricultural material and foodstuffs, as well as machinery and equipment for purely civilian use."

## Flights cancelled

BRUSSELS, Sept. 12. (Reuters) — Belgium's national airline Sabena cancelled most international flights from Brussels today as cabin crew demanding better pay resumed a three-week go-slow, a company spokesman said.

"Of a scheduled 14 flights only three actually took off. The rest had to be cancelled. We could not man them properly because some crew members again turned up late for work," he said.

Sabena's operations have been disrupted since August 17 when its 1,200 air hostesses and stewards began action to press for end-of-career bonuses and a same-work, same-pay wage scale.

They existed in some sectors, such as car repairs and construction, throughout the most radical periods of revolution, but the latest reforms give them positive encouragement.

A special government body can secure raw materials for them, give grants and cheap loans to expand, help them with feasibility and marketing studies and provide technicians to solve their production problems.

In the past, private operators struggled to find spare parts and materials in an economy dominated by state monopolies. Now partnerships and individuals such as plumbers and painters can draw on an import quota set aside for them.

## Private enterprise re-emerges under Libya's fresh approach

TRIPOLI, Sept. 12. (Reuters) — The streets of Tripoli are bustling these days with a surge of economic activity created by a fresh approach to the revolutionary theories of Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi.

In what may be only a temporary adjustment to the economic revolution which he launched in the mid-1970s, Khaddafi opened up the economy to some private enterprise last year and began to turn a blind eye to illegal trade, such as impromptu markets which sprang up on the outskirts of towns and cities.

The changes were part of a wider political package which included looser restrictions on travel, the release of hundreds of political prisoners and the partial eclipse of the extremist revolutionary committees movement.

Many Libyans, exhausted and confused after years of revolutionary sloganeering, responded to the relaxed atmosphere with alacrity.

They now travel abroad, go out in the evenings and have reopened the shops

they were forced to close in 1981.

"It's a very unpredictable country. You have to make hay while the sun shines," said Mustafa, who runs a shop selling clothes and consumer goods imported illegally — not through state channels — through Tunisia.

His shop is one of the many new partnerships which have sprung up with official encouragement since the government decreed in June 1988 that Libyans, alone or with others could once again "carry out any economic activity required by society," including the distribution of goods.

This form of ownership reconciles the dictates of Khaddafi's ideological theories with the practical need to give people an incentive to work.

For thousands of Libyans, it made the difference between an unrewarding job in government service and the chance to make some money by private endeavour.

Partnerships in Libya can now come about in two ways — when two or more individuals decide to go into business together, or when the state decides to

turn state companies, usually in light manufacturing, over to employees, in application of Khaddafi's dictum of "partners, not wage slaves."

Ideologist Ibrahim Abu Khazam told a news conference that the changes did not amount to a Libyan "perestroika."

"The Libyan revolution is too new an experiment for that. Every theory has to evolve as it goes along," he said.

"Libya's role is to apply (Khaddafi's) theories successfully and make them as attractive as possible," he added.

The adjustment was apparently intended to allow reality to catch up with the rhetoric which the revolutionary committees, the Libyan equivalent of Mao Tse Tung's Red Guards during China's Cultural Revolution, chanted at rallies for almost a decade.

The economic part of Khaddafi's "green book," which expounds his ideology, was published in September 1978 and the slogan "partners, not wage slaves" appeared on banners and posters across the country.

"Wage earners are but slaves to the

masters who hire them...the ultimate solution lies in abolishing the wage system, emancipating people from its bondage and reverting to



# Dollar stabilisation effort in shambles

WASHINGTON, Sept 12, (AP): The international effort to stabilise the value of the dollar is in shambles, raising the risk that America's trade deficit will soar in coming years as US products are priced out of overseas markets, a Washington research group says.

The Institute for International Economics said today that President George Bush's administration must share the blame for the breakdown of the co-ordination effort, which has allowed the dollar to rise by 20 per cent against the Japanese yen since the first of the year.

A rising dollar makes US goods more expensive on overseas markets while cutting the price of imports to American consumers. Economists view both developments with alarm since they would make America's huge trade deficit even worse by boosting import purchases and slowing export sales.

A string of record trade deficits in the 1980s transformed the United States into the world's largest debtor nation as billions of dollars were handed over to foreigners

to pay for imported goods.

President Ronald Reagan's administration launched an effort with the world's richest industrial nations in 1985 to push the dollar lower as a way of curing America's trade problems and fending off growing cries in Congress for protectionist trade barriers.

The effort by the United States and the other countries in the Group of Seven — Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy — was credited with reducing the deficit sharply in 1988 as American manufacturers enjoyed a boom in export sales. However, the improvement has slowed this year and economists at the institute predicted the deficit would begin worsening again in 1990 because of the dollar's jump in value.

The G-7 countries have been frustrated in their efforts to stabilise the dollar at much lower levels.

In trading Monday in Tokyo, the dollar shot to a three-month high against the Japanese yen despite dollar-selling

intervention on the part of the Bank of Japan.

"The financial markets now view the G-7 process as having lost all of its credibility," said C. Fred Bergsten, director of the institute. "They have violated their own target zones (for the dollar's value) and have made no serious or concerted effort to preserve them."

Bergsten blamed the unruly dollar in part on a failure by the Bush administration and Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to make international economic co-ordination a top priority.

"One reason the G-7 process is in shambles is because the US government is not giving it the kind of push that (former Treasury Secretary James A.) Baker did in 1985 through 1987," Bergsten said.

The institute released a new book Monday aimed at raising the political profile of the problem by getting Congress and other agencies of the executive branch more involved in setting dollar policies.

The book, "Dollar politics: Exchange

rate policymaking in the United States," urged that the current process for setting dollar policy be broadened beyond the small group of officials at the Treasury and the Federal Reserve who are now making the decisions.

It proposed setting up new congressional oversight committees in both the house and the Senate to review decisions made by the executive branch, building on reporting requirements established by the 1988 trade act.

The institute also proposed greater involvement by cabinet agencies responsible for trade matters in helping Treasury formulate dollar policies and called for the creation of a private sector task force to provide advice to government policymakers.

The book said that since the late 1960s, the history of international dollar policy in this country has been one of periods of neglect followed by hurry-up efforts seeking to repair the damage caused by improper dollar policies.

## Expat remittances dip

# Moroccan GDP growth quickens

CASABLANCA, Sept 12, (Kuna): In 1988, the Moroccan gross domestic product (GDP) registered an impressive 10 per cent growth rate, one of the highest ever registered by the kingdom, a report by the National Exchange Board indicated.

The report, entitled "Morocco's foreign exchange figures for 1988," said the economy's performance that year had benefited from a number of positive factors which helped the kingdom's structural readjustment policy.

These were abundant rainfall, an improvement in the phosphates market and a drop in oil prices.

The 1988 result more than made up for the 3 per cent drop in GDP registered in 1987, the report said, noting that this performance was accompanied by a deceleration of prices, with inflation rate dropping from 2.8 per cent in 1987 to 2.3 per cent in 1988.

In this favourable context, overall foreign trade exchanges attained 68.9 billion dirhams (DH8.5 for one US dollar) against DH58.7 billion in 1987, a rise of 17.4 per cent.

The evolution was accompanied by an 21 per cent alleviation of the trade deficit, due mainly to a 27.2 per cent rise in exports value while imports rose by only 10.9 per cent.

The exports coverage rate of imports thus continued improving, passing 66.3 per cent in 1987

## ADB loan for Morocco

RABAT, Sept 12, (Reuters): Morocco has received a new loan of \$123 million from the African Development Bank (ADB), making it the biggest of the bank's 49 borrowers.

The loan, details of which have not been made public, will help to finance economic reforms agreed as part of a liberalisation programme drawn up by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Morocco, eighth in the World Bank's list of the most heavily indebted Third World countries, has now received \$1.3 billion from the ADB. Its total foreign debt stands at about \$22 billion.

ADB president Babacar N'Diaye told reporters today the loan was designed to help efforts to liberalise foreign trade and support fresh public investment.

"This loan has come about because we believe sincerely that the programmes, put in place by the Moroccan government, have been well piloted," he said.

The annual inflation rate was only just over two per cent last year, while the budget deficit was cut by almost one fifth.

Morocco is now negotiating with private banks for a reduction in its debt servicing.

compared to 76 per cent in 1988, the report said.

Concerning other components of foreign trade, the report notes that thanks to an expansion of revenues from the "journeys" item (a 16 per cent rise from 7.8 billion to DH9.05 billion) and of a 31 per cent alleviation of the trade deficit, the negative clearance of the goods and services balance improved by 29.9 per cent (DH9.34 billion in 1988 against 13.3 billion in 1987).

The improvement was obtained in spite of a 31.9 per cent aggravation of the country's foreign debt services (DH16 billion in 1988 compared to 6.18 billion in 1987), the report noted.

Remittances by Moroccan workers abroad dropped sharply in 1988 (down 19.4 per cent) after the significant rises registered till 1986 and a relative stagnation in 1987 (up 4 per cent only).

Last year, remittances stood at DH10.7 billion compared 13.27 billion in 1987. In spite of these two negative factors (rise of foreign debt services and drop in remittances), the current balance of payments registered a record surplus for the second consecutive year. Taking into account the negative clearance due to drawings from the International Monetary Fund and reimbursements to it (DH652 million).

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The province's once vigorous electrical goods manufacturing industry is the most obvious victim of Beijing's austerity programme, imposed since the end of 1988 to cut inflation.

## Bangkok to expand trade ties with China

BANGKOK, Sept 12, (UPI): The Thai business community, shrugging off the economic impact of China's brutal crackdown on dissent, look forward to more trade and investment in China.

"Some projects under negotiations were suspended but now they are going to make the new agreements," said Boonsong Sritung, president of the Thai-Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Boonsong said that most Thai projects, if affected at all, were slowed only temporarily.

Thailand's bilateral trade with China amounted to more than \$1.1 billion last year. No figures were available for investment, but most experts agreed China received more Thai investment than any other country and the amount is still growing.

Boonsong said Thai businessmen are optimistic about further investment in China and believe that Thai, because of their close personal and governmental relations with China, have an advantage over other nations.

"Western and Japanese, investors in China do not get along with Chinese authorities as well as Thais do because most Thai investors are ethnic Chinese," he said.

The Charoen Pokphand Group, Thailand's largest agricultural company led by Sino-Thai executives, plans to step up its investments in China, which already amount to more than \$400 million.

The company announced plans to invest in four new animal feed plants, new chicken projects and a chemical plant to produce the amino acid used by the feed plants.

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World Bank president Barber Conable, (left) meets with Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu at the Japanese premier's official residence yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bid to combat warming of atmosphere

# World Bank to boost lending

TOKYO, Sept 12, (AP): The World Bank will increase lending to population-control projects and forestry development to help combat the phenomenon of atmospheric warming, bank president Barber Conable told an international conference on the environment Monday.

The bank, long criticised for funding development projects that damage the environment in poor countries, "is committed to environmental issues and, what is more, this commitment does not detract at all from our primary mission of global development," Conable said.

He spoke at the opening of a conference on the global environment and development. Sponsored by the Japanese government and the United Nations Environment programme, the conference has drawn dozens of officials and experts from many countries and international organisations.

At the end of the conference on Wednesday, they are expected to issue recommendations on ways to combat the main problem on the agenda: the phenomenon of global warming, which scientists warn could scorch parts of the earth and raise sea levels unless checked.

Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, whose country is under environmentalists' attack as the biggest importer of tropical forest products, pledged increased assistance to research on sustainable development of tropical forests.

Kaifu said in a welcoming speech that Japan intends to raise its foreign environmental aid to \$2.25 billion in three years.

"Japan is ready to take on global environmental issues with positive vigour," he said, reporting that he discussed such issues in depth during his just-completed series of summit meetings in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Conable said the world's population, currently about five billion, will grow to six billion by the year 2000, adding to the use of fossil fuels that is blamed for the so-called "Greenhouse effect."

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## Aid pledge

TOKYO, Sept 12, (Opona): Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu said yesterday that his country would take the initiative to find a new energy technology to combat global warming.

Speaking at the opening session of a three-day conference on the environment, Kaifu also said that Japan was ready to resolve environmental problems through the development of energy systems free of carbon dioxide and other harmful gases.

The newly-elected prime minister expressed his country's readiness to extend financial and technological assistance to developing countries to protect the tropical forest.

Reiterating a pledge made earlier in Washington, Kaifu said Japan would provide \$2.25 billion in aid over the next three years to protect the world environment.

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amounted to over \$500 million in the last five years, and that level will increase to over \$800 million in the 1990-92 period.

The World Bank has increased lending recently in these areas, he said, "and we have fully integrated environmental issues in the bank's approach to development."

He went on: "But we need to do more, and as we move on with our agenda, I expect that in the next three years World Bank support for free-standing environmental projects will be near \$1.3 billion."

Co-operation with other non-governmental organisations (NGOs) should increase, he said.

"Some may say we have made no progress, we have not changed. They are wrong. Others may say that progress is slow. I am telling you here that we intend to accelerate, and that the momentum will be stronger if we are able to work in partnership with the worldwide NGO community," the World Bank president said.

Mostafa K. Tolba, executive director of the United Nations Environment programme, said depletion of the ozone layer, caused by chlorofluorocarbons and other chemicals, was increasing skin cancer and eye cataracts.

"The human immunity system may be weakening. Agricultural patterns may be impacted, and marine food chains affected," he told delegates.

Tolba called for "full partnership in all countries" to phase out all ozone-depleting chemicals and said he was concerned that only 13 of the world's 120 developing countries have ratified the Montreal protocol on those chemicals.

# Trade surplus shrinks

## Japan's oil imports surge

TOKYO, Sept 12, (Reuters): A surge in oil imports, robust domestic demand and strong dollar helped narrow Japan's trade surplus by a whopping 51 per cent in August and economists here say the trend should continue for the rest of 1989.

The government reported today that the customs-cleared trade surplus narrowed to an unadjusted \$3.44 billion in August from 4.97 billion a year earlier, marking the fourth straight month the trade gap has shrunk.

It also said the trade gap narrowed to an adjusted \$4.43 billion in August from 5.05 billion a month earlier.

"The underlying trend is continuing in the direction of (a reduction) of the Japanese external imbalance," said Shoichi Enkyo, an economist at the Bank of Tokyo.

"The single most important factor on the import side was the strong oil imports compared with last year," said Peter Morgan, chief economist at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities (Japan).

The value of crude oil imports last month rose 39.0 per cent to \$1.86 billion from a year earlier. A buildup of inventories ahead of the introduction of an oil import tariff in August last year saw oil imports plummet that month.

"Oil imports were curtailed sharply in August on 1988, so on a year-on-year basis oil imports appear unusually strong," said David Pike, senior economist at UBS Phillips and Drew International.

Average crude oil prices were also higher in August from year-earlier levels, at \$17.19 a barrel against \$15.17, and this also helped inflate the August import bill analyst said.

"We also had a big increase in aircraft imports, up about 500 per cent from last year, and that added 1.8 per cent to overall import growth," said Morgan.

Machinery imports expanded nearly 40 per cent to 2.98 billion.

Overall imports climbed 15.8 per cent to \$18.83 billion, reflecting a healthy Japanese appetite for imported goods, economists said.

Meanwhile, exports in August climbed only 4.7 per cent to \$21.82 billion.

Strong domestic demand helped limit Japanese export growth, a Finance Ministry official said.

"Japan's industry has been restructuring from exports to an exploration of the domestic market and domestic market production," said Enkyo.

Even so, vehicle exports grew a surprisingly fast 4.7 per cent on a rise in shipments to the United States, Europe and Asia, after year-on-year declines of 5.3 per cent in July and 1.7 per cent in June, said Morgan.

Japan's sensitive trade surplus with the United States shrank moderately to \$3.03 billion from 3.24 billion a year earlier.

"If anything, it suggests that the US economy is not quite as weak as people had thought," said Morgan.

Some analysts, including the Bank of Tokyo's Enkyo, say that past dollar weakness is continuing to boost the cost-competitiveness of US products on foreign markets.

The US currency's recent strength against the yen has also cut Japan's export earnings by depressing the dollar value of Japanese exports contracted in yen, economists said.

## Short-dated KD deposit rates firm

KUWAIT, Sept 12, (Reuters): Short-dated Kuwaiti dinar inter-bank deposit rates firmed in moderate trade today ahead of this week's issue of 100 million dinars of 91-day treasury bills.

Dealers said liquidity was beginning to drain from the market as operators covered positions. The treasury bill issue, due tomorrow, was also expected to draw strong demand.

Quotes for tomorrow-next and spot-next funds rose to 8-1/4, 7-3/4 per cent from 7-1/2, seven on Monday. Deals were reported in the tomorrow-next at eight. One week also edged up, to 8-3/8, eight per cent.

Fixed periods were quiet, with one to three-month maturities indicated steady at 8-1/2, 1-1/4 per cent. Six-months to one-year were barely changed at 8-1/2, 3/8 per cent.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar exchange rate firmer to 0.30107/17 to the dollar from 0.30176/86 on Monday.

Meanwhile Saudi rial inter-bank deposit rates were easier in line with softer Eurodollar rates, but trading was thin and activity confined to short-dates, dealers said.

# UK unions flex muscles again

## Jobless rate drops

LONDON, Sept 12, (AP): After a traumatic decade of defeats in battle with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, British labour unions are flexing their muscles again.

In some ways, this summer's spate of strikes has been reminiscent of the years before Thatcher was elected in May 1979 on a wave of anti-union sentiment. But they also reflect a recognition that the old days of militancy and unbridled power are over.

Strikes this summer in public transportation and at city halls and the British Broadcasting Corp. ended with employers surrendering on all fronts: yielding near double-digit pay raises and abandoning demands for higher productivity and new bargaining procedures.

But dockworkers striking to preserve a 42-year-old system of job guarantees were soundly defeated. The longshoremen were the last of the once-mighty blue-collar battalions of organised labour to be vanquished by a government that already had emasculated the steel, coal-mining and newspaper-production unions.

The public could see a case for giving railwaymen and town hall clerks raises that overtake resurging inflation. But it would not buy the longshoremen's attempt to preserve what it saw as a relic of union featherbedding.

The unions have learned to play by the Thatcher rules, among the toughest in any Western democracy, and even to turn them to advantage.

"It's been a very difficult 10 years for the trade union movement, but it hasn't been deadly ... anyone who thought the unions could be written off was wrong," says Norman Willis, general secretary of the national labour federation, the Trades Union Congress.

Laws passed since 1980 ban sympathy walkouts

and force unions to ballot members in secret before calling strikes. Unions calling illegal strikes can be fined for contempt of court and sued by employers for strike-inflicted losses.

Recent polls show that for the first time in 25 years, most Britons no longer consider the unions too powerful. They also found majorities sympathizing with the summer pay strikes, despite the commuter misery, and blaming the government, not the unions, for economic problems.

No longer disliked because they are no longer feared, the unions have faded as an issue. And with the unions looking like the underdogs, the union-bashing that helped Thatcher to three successive election victories no longer looks like a vote-puller.

"None of this means that the unions are on the offensive," cautions Martin Jacques, editor of the monthly Marxism Today. "What it does mean is that ... the unions have got their heads above the parapet again."

The victorious summer strikes have encouraged others, like ambulance drivers, who are citing the railwaymen's increase to justify demanding a raise above the 8.3 per cent inflation rate.

With pay settlements averaging 9.5 per cent, there are fears that Britain is headed back into the inflationary spiral of the 1970s.

Both in numbers and political clout, the unions have taken a long fall from their 1970s heyday, when striking miners helped topple Edward Heath's Conservative government and Labour governments consulted union bosses almost as regularly as cabinet ministers.

Union confidence has been aided by a drop in unemployment to about 6 per cent, labour shortages in the prosperous southeast and a resurgence of inflation.

We have no idea how events in June will affect things in the long term."

One senior city official said about \$1 billion had been invested in 603 overseas-backed business ventures in Canton during the past 10 years.

Foreign businessmen resident here said the provincial government had been trying very hard to limit the effect of events in Beijing from spreading to its territory since May.

"Political risks in the province, which is far away from Beijing are comparatively small," said a Japanese banker. "China needs foreign exchange and Beijing is unlikely to upset the stability of Guangdong, the biggest hard currency earner in the country."

The message coming across to us is that business should be able to go on as usual in the short term, which may be due to the already heavy investment that China traders have committed themselves to. But

# China's boom province recovers slowly

CANTON, China, Sept 12, (Reuters): Business in China's boom province of Guangdong is slowly regaining some semblance of normality after the June 4 crushing of pro-democracy protests in Beijing, but visitors say the attitude seems to be to make money now as nobody knows what the future will bring.

"Businesses are getting back to normal," said a Hong Kong businessman as he drank coffee in a hotel lobby bar while waiting for a meeting with a senior Canton City official.

"But I feel that people here are trying hard to grab today and let tomorrow take care of itself," said the man, who said he regularly visited the southern province bordering the British colony.

Hotel occupancy figures are one sign of

a slow but steady recovery from the paralysis that followed the Chinese government's decision to stamp out the country's fledgling pro-democracy movement at all costs.

The China Hotel, one of Canton's biggest, said the occupancy rate was now a daily average of around 50 per cent, as against less than 20 per cent in early June and more than 70 per cent a year ago.

"Our business has been recovering better than we expected," said public relations manager Ulrike Heinen.

"The message coming across to us is that business should be able to go on as usual in the short term, which may be due to the already heavy investment that China traders have committed themselves to. But



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## The Syndicate arrive today

GOA's "numero uno" pop band, The Syndicate, arrive in Kuwait today for their first-ever musical concert in this country at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium in Fawaziyah on Friday, Sept. 15, at the invitation of two of the leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, The Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans.

On that occasion, the group will also release their maiden audio cassette entitled "Syndicate Live" which contains a selection of popular Western and Goan songs.

The Syndicate's concert will also feature Kuwait's popular groups "Stepping Stones" and "Top

Ranks" besides guest singers Liane and Farida.

The show, which will be emceed by Kuwait TV's popular newscaster, Adeeb Shuaib, will include a surprise Filipino item.

Tonight The Syndicate are guests of the "Maharaja Palace" at a dinner where lucky diners holding reservations will be able to meet the members of the band. For the others, The Syndicate have promised an evening of exciting music at their concert on Friday at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium starting 4.00 pm. For any information, call 5741380.

## In honour of Dr Joy ...

KERALA Art Lovers Association (KALA) held a reception to Dr P. K. Joy, a highly acclaimed world poet in English language and the winner of poets award 1989, last Wednesday. He was here on a short visit and left for India on Friday.

Dr Joy born and brought up in Kerala, a PhD in management, honorary doctor of humanity and literature and a member of several profes-

sional and literary institutes and academics, he is the co-ordinator general of the World Poetic Society, the convener of Writers Club (India) etc, and has performed poetry reading in several world cities.

In the reception held at the Indian embassy hall a cross section of Indian community attended. R.S. Pillai, the president of KALA, presided over the meeting. Oomila Vijay Krishnan, the poetic

prodigy received the guests.

R. V. Hydar Ali, N. V. K. Warrier, Oomila Vijay Krishnan, Sunita Warrier, Pandalam Basheer, Sakthikulan-gara Williams, V. B. Jamal, Thomas Chittetham, Aby Varikad, Saim Pallathazhath, and Sam Pynumood made a felicitation speech. T. K. Kannan, general secretary of KALA, welcomed the guest. The vice-president M. Muralidharan paid a vote of thanks.

## PRAYERS

Fajr	4.12 am
Zuhr	11.44
Asr	3.15 pm
Maghrib	5.56
Isha	7.14

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

**Tarab Palace Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**Photography & oil painting classes**  
Photography to be taught by Ann C. Eid, a professional photographer with a degree in fine arts, who has taught at the University of Maryland.

Oil painting to be taught by Yasmine Bhamia, a professional artist with a degree in fine arts, who has exhibited her paintings in many countries.

Classes are to be held in Daiya. Limited to only 10 students per class. Register early.

**Deities: Photography** - Sundays, Oct 7 - Nov 25, 10 am to 1 pm or Wednesdays, Oct 4 - Nov 22, 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

**Painting: Mondays, Oct 2 - Nov 20, 10 am to 1 pm.** For further details and reservations, please call Yasmine 2540587.

## SOCIAL

**Pakistan Arts Circle**  
A SERIES of programmes is being organised by the Pakistan Arts Circle, which includes musharraf, musical varieties, literary discussions, etc.

Families are most welcome. Please register your names on Tel. Nos: 5323693, 5717585 or 4716258.

**Kalpak Exhibition:**  
KALPAK (Kerala Arts & Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait) will hold an exhibition of Arts & Handicrafts at the Indian Embassy Hall on 15th September 1989 between 3 pm and 8 pm. For details contact: 5632708/4163737/562620.

**OVERSEAS THAI Cultural Congress (OICC)** has decided to celebrate the Onam - the national festival of Kerala - with its traditional feast "Ona Sadya" which includes 21 delicious vegetarian dishes at New Regal Restaurant on Sept 14, at 7 pm. For more details please contact tel: 4314183, 5629747 and 3988569.

**BADESIG**  
The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society in Kuwait (Badesig) will hold the installation ceremony of its newly elected office bearers on Sept 15 at 6.30 pm at the Bangladesh Embassy premises. A cultural function will also be held on the occasion. Badesig members are requested to contact their local representative or phone 4330025 for further information.

**Ahmad Musical Society**  
REHEARSALS for the 1989/90 season will start on Saturday 16th September, at 7.30 pm at the Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmad. New singers welcome. For further details ring 3912384.

**AUDITIONS** will be held at 8 pm on 16th September, 1989 in Al Fawz Hotel for "Barefoot in the Park" a comedy by Neil Simon to be directed by Ken Winston. Anyone interested in participating in any way in this production is invited to attend. For further information ring 5740256/7 or 5625316.

**Barbecue at MBH**  
WELCOME back to old and new. Over 15 clubs represented. So come along if you want to find out which organisation is for you. Tickets only. No children. September 20, 1989 - 7.30 pm onwards. For more details contact Messiah Beach Hotel on 5624111 Ext 711 or 739.

**Kuwait Singers**  
KUWAIT Singers commence rehearsals for their seasonal concert on Monday, September 18, at the Gulf English School, Salwa. New members particularly welcome. For further information contact Tel. 5384873 or 4884134.

**Konkani drama**  
NOVEMBER 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintnam Zalim Sopam" at the IAC (Funaites). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa 'Jacinto Vaz' along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact: Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Club (near GPO).

**ADDITIONING** of talented singers and dancers for the forthcoming East Meets West II Musical Extravaganza - those interested contact 2406878, 8.30-1.00; 4.30-7.00, (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) 12th, 13th and 14-09-89.

**Syndicate Live**  
SEPT. 15 Two leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, The Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, will join hands to host "Syndicate Live", a musical extravaganza at the Indian Arts Auditorium featuring Goa's music kings, The Syndicate, Stepping Stones, Top Ranks and a selection of talented local singers. Gate passes available at Raja Stores and the Organisers. Call: Joe 2413348, Julio 5734513 for more information.

**Breeze '89**  
Oct 26: Trivium Centre's - Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casmiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

**British Council**  
THE British Council presents "Briefing on Britain" a special video presentation for students who are going to Britain this autumn for higher education. Will this be your first experience of studying in Britain? If so, and if you would like to participate in complimentary briefing sessions please telephone us to find out more details. Contact Kate Harries, Education Adviser, Tel. 2515512/253 3204/253 3227.

**Filecheck chess**  
SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filecheck) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first "Active Chess Tournament".

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

**Colva Nite**  
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884/2434776/5629141/4310913 after 5 pm.

**Defence of the Realm**  
Saturday, 16 September and Sunday, 17 September at 6.30 pm, 9.20 pm.

What are they prepared to cover up in "Defence of the Realm"? When a respected journalist dies in mysterious circumstances after meeting a government "mole", his fellow reporter is determined to find out why. But each lead only raises more questions! A superb British thriller.

**Onam Celebration**  
The special meeting of OIC Executive Committee was held at Indian Embassy Hall on 31 Aug 1989 and decided to celebrate "The Onam" - The National Festival of Kerala - at the new Regal Restaurant on 14 Sept 1989 at 7 pm, with "Ona Sadya" - the traditional feast - which includes 21 delicious vegetarian dishes on plantain leaves.

A seven member committee was formed under OICC President Sabhidharan as General Convener and Nalina Kumar, Rajan Daniel, Ali Alavi, Anil Kumar, Gangadharan, Vijaya Kumar as members to organise this function. For further information, please contact Tel. 4314183 and 5629747 and 3988569.

**Free Tailoring Class**  
Kapinsang Filipino sa Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their free tailoring class to all bonafide Kapilku members beginning Friday, September 22 at Far East Restaurant from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. This self-improvement course is one of the many projects by Kapilku.

The class will run every Friday and end on October 3. All materials needed for the class are given free to all participants. Master cutting, Barong Tagalog and executive suits will be covered in the course. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs at 4843447. Deadline for registration will be on September 15.

**Spoken Arabic**  
The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training is starting to offer spoken Arabic classes for non-native speakers. The programme, starting in October 89, is for beginners and having intermediate knowledge in colloquial conversation. The registration will start on 16th September, 1989. Those who are interested please contact on telephone Nos. 2413050 Ext. 243, 269-2455860 Ext 454, 455, 457; 2411383.

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- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 10.00 Iftah Ya Simsim: children cultural programme
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Mawlood Fi Al Waqt Al Dhaye: Arabic serial (part 5)
- 11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 11.15 Al Dana: local serial (final part)
- 12.00 Sabah Al Khair and Variety
- 12.15 Hwar Wa Ngham: variety programme, prepared by Qasem Abdul Qader

- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 1.30 Hesham Fi Mamlakat Al Nahil: cartoon serial
- 2.00 Variety
- 2.15 Awdat Owaisid: Arabic serial (part 4)
- 3.15 Innaho Al Haq: religious programme
- 3.35 Al Tameen Al Sagheer: cartoon serial

- 4.00 Football match
- 6.00 Laila Min Alf Laila: Children's programme
- 6.30 Night chemists, airlines and official announcements
- 7.00 The World About Us: cultural programme
- 8.00 Variety
- 8.30 Lawhat Shabiya: local programme, presented by Mohammed Al Mtairi

- 9.00 Arabic News
- 9.45 Wajeda Wa Sameh: daily Arabic serial (part 7)
- 10.30 Al Horroob Al Saab: weekly serial (part 1), starring Wafiq Al Zaem, Sabah Barakat, Najwa Sodqi and Saleem Klass

- 11.45 News Summary
- 11.50 The World News via Satellite
- 12.15 Holy Quran and Cutdown

## KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening Announcment & Holy Quran
- 6.10 Trollkins: A cartoon series for Children
- 6.30 Seuba World "Rio Rita - Islands Of Cortez": A trip is made to a rocky island off the Mexico shores, where a study is made on sea life under water...
- 7.00 Danger Bay: "Second Best". Nicole's desire to gain a spot on government-sponsored archaeological dig team puts her into stiff competition.

- 7.30 Body Matters
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Simon & Simon: "First Let's Kill All Lawyers... A group of young men gain a lot of money and start spending wastefully... But one of them plans to get rid of them one by one..."
- 9.30 Best of British Comedy films in the British Cinema

- 10.00 Learning The Ropes: "Anne" Robert's wife informs him that she is coming very soon and every body starts making the needful to receive her!
- 10.30 A Classical Film: "I Married A Witch" Starring: Frederic March, Veronica Lake, Cecil Kellaway, Robert Benchley. A Salem witch and her sorcerer father come to haunt the descendant of the Puritan who had them burned.

- 12.00 News in Brief
- 12.30 Magazine D'Actualite
- 12.45 Holy Quran and Cutdown

- Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## Well done



Faiza



Erum

FAIZA Tabassum and Erum Iqbal Zahid both sat the Pre-medical part I of the Higher Secondary Examination, conducted by the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education in Islamabad.

Faiza surpassed all the students who sat this examination from the Pakistani community schools in Kuwait. She scored 405 points and is working forward to become a doctor.

Erum ranked second position with 403 points and is also very eager to become a professional doctor. Good luck, girls!

## Greetings

Fouzia Ibrahim recently celebrated her 20th birthday. Belated greetings from family, especially sister Sadia, friends and relatives.



Fouzia

## Penpals ahoy!

I HAVE the names and addresses of many American school children and their teachers who wish to correspond with pen pals in countries overseas. If you are a student between the ages of 7 and 19 or are a teacher, and would like to have an American pen pal, please send me your name, address, age, and interests.

Please allow a few weeks to receive your pen pal. Deidra Duncan P.O. Box 483 Manchester, TN 37355 U.S.A.

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shurwaik. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

**D'Assist Association**  
OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving Mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assist ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

**Star Nite**  
DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children's programme at 5 pm from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Other programmes start with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tel. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

## HOTELS

**At the Meridien**  
OUR new Versailles menu is as fishy as ever. The Versailles Restaurant celebrates the new season with an exciting new la carte menu featuring delicious new seafood dishes and always the great value business.

Enjoy a truly elegant and dining experience with the finest cuisine and atmosphere. International music is provided by Jo Lee, a veritable one woman band, is guaranteed to help to make the dinner at the Versailles truly a night to remember.

**ACHIEVING** new heights in good taste: Introducing a new menu at Al Fintat club as from the 9th of Sept. Super choice of low calories snacks, sandwiches and salads with tasty, good health appeal, especially when preceded by a few laps in the adjacent rooftop swimming pool.

**AL Fingan** (tea lounge): "stay on top and stay cool with our milkshakes promotion: As from the 17th to the 28th Sept there will be lots of variety of delicious milk shake flavours, mango, chocolate, banana, strawberry... a little more refreshing on a scorching summer day than a mouth watering milkshake whipped up Meridien style why not make it a daily treat.

**EVERY SUNDAY COWBOY NIGHT:** Taste the Texas fair at the La Brasserie. No compromise with this salute to the US includes live foot tappin country and Western music plus decor costumes and ambience with more than a touch of the real wild west.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY THE INDONESIAN CORNER:** Enjoy some of the country's best loved dishes at the La Brasserie in addition to the

regular Brasserie buffet.

**EVERY THURSDAY:** Tuck in the tempo... experience an evening of the great jazz sound in jam sessions at the La Brasserie featuring delicious sea food buffet with that catch out the day freshness plus a range of local and international dishes.

Friday equals family fun only at La Brasserie... lavish buffet... live entertainment toys and gifts for the children and even some real magic.

## SPORTS

**Ballet**  
STEPS School of Dance, is affiliated with the Royal Academy of Dance, London. Girls of all ages can learn classical ballet or modern dance. There is an adult jazz course for ladies, and a gymnastics course for children. For registration and more details, please contact the Kuwait English School from 3 to 7 pm on weekdays, or Thursday mornings.

## KUWAIT INTERNATIONAL

Fit for Life: September brings a variety of sports classes and activities at the Kuwait International Hotel. Tennis coaching from October. Classes for ladies, juniors and seniors by Frank Novak - an experienced Canadian coach and tennis player. Enrollment on-going. Also fun tennis sessions for the family. Swimming classes from 17th September. Limited space available. Ballet classes will begin from 18th September. Coaching by Russian trained teacher. Enrollment on-going. Other classes are: Ladies' Keep Fit Classes, Men's Keep Fit Classes, Yoga, Judo, Karate and Taekwondo. For details contact: Paul or Vivienne at 2530000 or 5386444.

## FOOTBALL LEAGUES

Anybody interested in joining a soccer league, preferably already belonging to a team, please call Bob or Alan on 5386444.

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## Taylor retains IBF welterweight title

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Sept. 12. (AP) — Meldrick Taylor came back from a nine-month layoff to successfully defend his International Boxing Federation (IBF) junior welterweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Courtney Hooper last night.

Hooper started out aggressively but Taylor easily handled him with his handspeed. Each advance by Hooper was countered with combinations that featured up to a dozen punches.

"This fight was a tremendous win for me and I'm very happy because I came back from a lot of adversity," Taylor said. "I saw today that I still have the lateral movement, mobility and hand speed that I had before the layoff."

Judges Anthony Wolfe and Gary Merritt both gave Taylor a 118-110 advantage and Judge John Stewart scored Taylor a 117-111 winner.

Taylor, 22, of Philadelphia, improved to 22-0-1 and Hooper, 26, of Detroit, is now 24-2.

Taylor captured the title in September 1988 by knocking out Buddy McGirt. Four months later, he defeated John Meakins.

He suffered torn cartilage in his left knee while sparring in early March and re-injured it stretching three weeks later.

## Gower hits superb century

# Essex finish second

LONDON, Sept. 12. (Reuters) — David Gower, brightened his end-of-season gloom with a superb century yesterday, but failed to stop Essex from clinching runners-up spot in the English County Cricket Championship.

Gower, deplored as England captain and overlooked as a player for the winter tour of West Indies within 24 hours last week, scored 109 at his brilliant best for Leicestershire after a first-innings duck.

When his county followed on 270 behind, Gower frustrated Essex skipper Graham Gooch — his successor as England captain — with an innings lasting 157 minutes in which he faced 150 balls and struck a six and 15 fours.

However, with left-arm spinner John Childs taking five for 84 and pace bowler Neil Foster three for 98, Leicestershire were all out for 274.

Essex completed a 10-wicket win at Leicester and, having played all their matches, are two points behind Worcestershire, who have retained the title.

Former West Indies Test fast

bowler Michael Holding marked his last match before retirement by edging Derbyshire to a one-wicket win over Nottinghamshire at Derby.

Derbyshire needed only 157 for victory and, although opener Peter Bowler hit 58, they were left to make the final 18 runs with their last pair together.

Holding took three fours off left-arm spinner Andy Afford to bring the score level and pace bowler Simon Baze then swept the spinner to the boundary to clinch victory.

Leicestershire completed a crushing 184-run win over Yorkshire at Scarborough — the first time they have beaten their arch-rivals twice in a season in the championship since 1960.

Phil Robinson battled bravely for 117 but Yorkshire, facing a massive victory target of 490, were dismissed for 295. Pace pair Paul Allott and Mike Watkinson took three wickets each and off spinner Dexter Fitts snapped up two from consecutive balls — the first dismissing Robinson.

Results

At Southampton: Glamorgan beat Hampshire by 30 runs.

Glamorgan 247 in 111.2 overs and 133. Hampshire 201 in 86.1 overs and 149 (R. Scott 52, S. Watkin five for 46). Glamorgan 22 points Hampshire 4.

At Scarborough: Lancashire beat Yorkshire by 184 runs. Lancashire 347 in 98 overs and 369 for eight declared. Yorkshire 237 in 77 overs and 295 (P. Robinson 117, M. Moxon 41). Lancashire 24 points Yorkshire 6.

At Derby: Derbyshire beat Nottinghamshire by one wicket. Nottinghamshire 330 in 83.2 overs and 119 (A. Warner four for 18). Derbyshire 293 in 92.2 overs and 160 for nine (P. Bowler 58, R. Pick four for 41). Derbyshire 23 points Nottinghamshire 6.

At Leicester: Essex beat Leicestershire by ten wickets. Essex 415 in 119.2 overs and eight for no wicket. Leicestershire 149 in 57 overs and 274 (D. Gower 109, J. Whitaker 44, J. Childs five for 84). Essex 24 points Leicestershire 2.

At Bristol: Gloucestershire beat Somerset by 141 runs. Gloucestershire 259 in 94.1 overs and 310 for seven declared. Somerset 165 in 69.3 overs and

263 (P. Roebuck 117, C. Walsh four for 68). Gloucestershire 23 points Somerset 5.

At Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex match drawn. Sussex 438 in 155 overs and 137 for four declared (D. Smith 51 not out, I. Gould 51 not out). Middlesex 302 and 202 for five (K. Brown 53 not out, D. Haynes 51, M. Gatting 45). Sussex 6 points Middlesex 3.

At the Oval: Surrey v Kent match drawn. Surrey 477 for six declared in 118 overs and 56 for no wicket declared. Kent 269 for three in 85.3 overs and 228 for six (C. Cowdrey 146 not out, M. Benson 56, M. Bicknell four for 64). Surrey and Kent 5 points each.

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire match drawn. Northamptonshire 179 in 73.4 overs and 79 for one declared (A. Fordham 55 not out). Warwickshire 197 for no wicket declared and 217 for eight (A. Moles 50).

Standings

English County Cricket Championship table after matches ending yesterday, with last season's positions in brackets (table under played, won, lost, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus, total points):

1. Worcestershire (1) 21 12 3 6 44 79 315
2. Essex (2) 22 13 2 7 59 71 313
3. Middlesex (7) 21 9 2 10 47 68 259
4. Lancashire (9) 21 8 5 8 54 61 243
5. Northants (12) 21 7 4 10 52 222
6. Hampshire (15) 21 6 8 7 52 62 213
7. Derbyshire (16) 21 6 6 9 42 71 209
8. Warwick (6) 21 5 4 12 44 71 203
9. Gloucestershire (10) 21 6 11 4 38 67 201
10. Sussex (16) 21 4 13 39 66 189
11. Nottingham (5) 21 6 6 9 54 61 186
12. Surrey (4) 21 4 7 10 46 69 179
13. Somerset (8) 21 4 7 10 46 69 176
14. Somerset (11) 21 4 8 11 50 54 168
15. Yorkshire (13) 22 3 9 10 41 60 149
16. Kent (2) 21 3 8 10 51 49 148
17. Glamorgan (17) 21 3 6 13 36 59 143

Warwickshire total includes eight points from drawn game in which scores were level. Essex and Nottinghamshire each deducted 25 points for sub-standard pitches.



David Gower



Michael Holding



John Childs

## Daufresne surprises Mancini

GENEVA, Sept. 12. (Reuters) — Belgian Xavier Daufresne, 470th in the world rankings, produced one of the shock tennis wins of the year by eliminating Argentine Alberto Mancini in the first round of the Geneva Open today.

A series of errors followed by a crippling bout of cramp sent the master of Ronnie and Monica Carlo to a 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 defeat.

Qualifier Daufresne refused to be overruled by the top seed and would number 11 and became the lowest rated player to stage an upset in a 1989 Grand Prix tournament.

Mancini needed 52 minutes to wrap up the first set. Daufresne rallied strongly to take the second but Mancini was leading 5-4 and 30-love on the Belgian's service in the deciding when his right crumpled under him with cramp.

## Athletes' performance not affected by Long sex bans unnecessary

NICE, France, Sept. 12. (Reuters) — Athletes preparing for competition need not abstain sex for days or weeks for fear of diminishing their performance, a new scientific study shows.

"Ten hours (of abstinence) should be enough to give the athletes no problems," said Jukn Szatjzel, a doctor at the university hospital of Geneva.

It was also accepted, he said, that having no sex at all could be "psychologically disturbing after a while."

Szatjzel and four colleagues said their study, based on performance tests given to 16 athletes, provided the first comprehensive scientific research on the subject.

Coaches have traditionally told athletes to keep off sex before competition, sometimes for weeks, to maintain energy and concentration.

Szatjzel's study, presented at the annual congress of the European

Society of Cardiology in Nice yesterday, compared two groups of athletes who had sexual intercourse two hours, and 10 hours or more, before riding a bicycle for an hour.

Those who had sex two hours before the exercise had a heart-rate six to 10 beats per minute higher than those who had intercourse 10 hours or more before the test, he said.

The recovery rates were measured five and 10 minutes after the exercise.

"So if you play a game or you are a long-distance runner, you would have a bad recovery time (two hours after sex)," Szatjzel said.

But he said scientific findings did not support the need to impose long periods of sexual abstinence on cyclists during competition weeks, on Olympic athletes during the Games, or on soccer players during championships.

Szatjzel said the study was prompted by the 1986 Mexico World Soccer Cup.

"The Germans were forbidden to go with their wives, but the French could," Szatjzel said. "The Germans asked why not and no one could clearly say."

The report's conclusions were based on a two-day study in which seven athletes had sex with their regular partners on the first day, and the remaining nine had sex on the second day.

Both groups were given exercise stress tests, had electrocardiogram (ECG) readings taken and took concentration tests that involved putting random numbers in ascending order.

Blood samples of the male hormone testosterone, supposed to determine aggressiveness, were also taken.

Except for heart-rates, the researchers found no significant differences between the groups.

## Strife halts Sri Lanka's cricket advance

COLOMBO, Sept. 12. (Reuters) — Sri Lanka's major cricket ground, the Colombo Oval, now echoes to the sound of rifle shots instead of willow on leather — and this strife-torn country's hopes of becoming a major power in the game remain a distant dream.

The Army has taken over the Colombo ground for firing practice as bombs, curfews and political murders have scared away the leading cricket nations of Australia, West Indies, England, Pakistan and India.

The majority of visiting Indians now are troops carrying guns, not bats, and the future of the sport in this cricket-mad island is bleak.

"The basic question for foreign teams is can we guarantee their security?" said Somasundaram Skandakumar, secretary of the board of control for cricket.

But how can we do this when we can't even guarantee our own security?" he said in an interview. This former British colony has been racked by violence, terror and killings since 1983 when Tamil rebels in the north and east of the country stepped up a push for autonomy.

About 50,000 Indian troops were sent to the island in 1987 to enforce an agreement aimed at ending the Tamil rebellion and more than 40,000 remain. The two countries are arguing about

when they should be withdrawn. Another group of rebels from the majority Sinhalese community has seized on the unpopular presence of the Indian soldiers and launched a bloody campaign to topple the government of President Ranasinghe Premadasa.

The fear gripping Sri Lanka's 16 million people has hit cricket badly. Provincial contests are non-existent, local competition is interrupted and playing is a problem even at the high school level.

A full member of the sport's ruling body, the International Cricket Conference (ICC) since 1981, Sri Lanka played their first official five-day Test match against England in 1982 amid much fanfare in this capital city.

Sri Lanka lost, but three years later the island exploded with joy when the team beat its traditional foe, India, at the same Colombo Oval ground.

"Relatively speaking, Sri Lanka has made tremendous progress," said Skandakumar. "India and New Zealand took far longer to record their first Test win."

In 1986, Sri Lanka recorded their only other Test victory, in a home series against Pakistan, but visits by touring teams came to an abrupt halt the following year.

Immediately after a drawn match against New Zealand at another Colombo ground, a car



A shot from a Sri Lanka-India game.

bomb exploded in the city's commercial district, Pettah, killing 113 people.

"New Zealand took the first flight out and no team has come here since," said Skandakumar.

Ganini Goonesena, a former Sri Lanka international who also played first-class cricket in England and Australia, said the lack of tours was a tremendous disadvantage for Sri Lanka.

Colombo's leading cricket columnists, was in London for Sri Lanka's last Test match against England in August 1988.

"I discussed getting a strong international team out here with (former England all-rounder) Trevor Bailey," he said. "But then things got worse in Sri Lanka and we scrapped the tour."

Local club cricket also has been hit by government and



Ricky Saunders (with the ball) caught six passes for 143 yards.

## Giants scalp Redskins

### Allegre gives New York victory

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (AP) — Raul Allegre's 52-yard field goal as time ran out gave the New York Giants a 27-24 victory over the Washington Redskins last night in a shootout between quarterbacks Phil Simms and Mark Rypien.

Allegre's kick was his second field goal in the final 2:40 after Washington had erased a 21-10 fourth-quarter deficit with two touchdowns within 54 seconds.

It was the sixth win in the last seven non-strike games with Washington for the Giants who also beat the Redskins 27-20 in last year's last night opener.

The statistics belonged to Rypien, who completed 22 of 32 passes for 349 yards. Ricky Sanders caught six for 143 yards and Gary Clark six for 101.

But Simms was on the money when it counted on the two drives which set up Allegre's field goals.

He completed 11 of 19 for 254 yards, including touchdown passes of 30 yards to Odessa Turner and

62 yards to Dave Meggett plus a 44-yard completion to Turner that set up the game-tying field goal with 2:17 left.

The game started slowly, then turned into a shootout between Simms and Rypien.

Simms' 30-yarder to Turner, who had three catches for 99 yards, in the first quarter and 62-yarder to Meggett in the second gave New York a 14-0 lead.

Rypien, meanwhile, threw to passes of 48 yards to Sanders and six yards to Art Monk. The pass to Monk came less than a minute before Monte Coleman picked off a Simms pass and returned it 24 yards for a touchdown.

Otis Anderson, filling in for the injured Joe Morris, carried 23 times for 93 yards for the Giants. Washington's Gerald Riggs carried 24 times for 111 yards.

Washington had to settle for just three points from two trips inside the New York 10 and that cost the Redskins the game.

## Flames lose second game to Czechs

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Sept. 12. (AP) — After losing two games and showing scant brotherly love while kicking off their "friendship tour" in Czechoslovakia, the Calgary Flames are introducing the Soviet Union to the hard-hitting hockey of the National Hockey League.

The Stanley Cup champion Flames dropped their second straight game to the Czechoslovakian national team last night, falling behind 2-0 in the opening eight minutes and losing 4-1.

Though NHL and Eastern European officials had expected the unprecedented two-week tour to be more of a cultural exchange than a fierce competition, the Flames and Czechoslovaks relegated friendship to the bench yesterday as they traded elbows and high sticks for a second straight night.

"It was a nice game but the Canadians were overdoing it," said a Czechoslovak policeman working at the game, who like many of his compatriots was surprised by the violence on the ice.

As Calgary leftwing Gary Roberts acknowledged, "it was a friendship tour for the first two shifts on the ice, and it hasn't been since that."

The Flames, the first NHL team to visit Eastern Europe, continue what has been dubbed the friendship tour with four games against Soviet teams.

## New Zealand to face England in opener

LONDON, Sept. 12. (Reuters) — Holders New Zealand will kick off rugby's second World Cup against England at Twickenham on October 3, 1991, the tournament organisers announced today.

The 16 competing countries will be split into four pools with matches played on a total of 19 different grounds in England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and France.

New Zealand will play all their group matches in England while Australia will be based entirely in Wales for their opening games.

The semifinals of the competition will be played at Murrayfield and Lansdowne Road with the final at Twickenham on November 2, 1991.

The first World Cup was held in Australia and New Zealand in 1987 when New Zealand beat France in the final.

Date and venues for 1991 final rounds:

Oct 3 - England v New Zealand (Twickenham); Oct 4 - Australia v Americas 2 (Llanelli); - France v Europe 2 (Beziers); Oct 5 - Europe 1 v Americas 3 (Oteley); - Scotland v Asia 2 (Murrayfield); - Fiji v Americas 1 (Bayonne); Oct 6 - Wales v Asia 1 (Cardiff); - Ireland v Africa 1 (Dublin); Oct 8 - New Zealand v Americas 3 (Gloucester); - England v Europe 1 (Twickenham); - France v Fiji (Grenoble); Oct 9 - Wales v Americas 2 (Cardiff); - Scotland v Africa 1 (Murrayfield); - Ireland v Asia 2 (Dublin); - Australia v Asia 1 (Pontypool); - Americas 1 v Europe 2 (Toulouse); Oct 11 - England v Americas 3 (Twickenham); Oct 12 - Scotland v Ireland (Murrayfield); - Wales v Australia (Cardiff); - France v Americas 1 (Agen); Oct 13 - New Zealand v Europe 1 (Leicester); - Fiji v Europe 2 (Brive); Oct 14 - Africa 1 v Asia 2 (Belfast); - Americas 2 v Asia 1 (Pontypool); Oct 19 - Winner Pool 2 v runners-up Pool 3 (Murrayfield); - Winner Pool 4 v runners-up Pool 1 (Parc des Princes); Oct 20 - Winner Pool 3 v runners-up pool 2 (Lansdowne Road); - Winner Pool 1 v runners-up Pool 4 (Lille); Oct 26 - Semifinal (Murrayfield); Oct 27 Semifinal (Lansdowne Road); Oct 30 - 3rd/4th play off (Vardiff); Nov 2 - Final (Twickenham)

## Chicago edge past Montreal

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (AP) — Jerome Walton's RBI single broke a seventh-inning tie and Mitch Williams picked off a runner at first for the final out as the first-place Chicago Cubs edged Montreal 4-3 yesterday.

The loss, Montreal's seventh in 11 games, dropped the Expos five games behind the Cubs in the NL East. Chicago has won three in a row and now leads St. Louis by 3 1/2 games.

With two outs and two on in the top of the ninth, Williams threw a ball to pinch-hitter Nelson Santovenia, then bounced a pickoff throw to first baseman Lloyd McClendon, who tagged pinch-runner Jeff Huson for the final out. It was Williams' 32nd save.

Pirates 3, Cardinals 1. Spot starter Neal Heaton gave up two hits in six innings and Barry Bonds' RBI double keyed a three-run rally in the seventh inning as Pittsburgh, playing the spoiler in the NL East, defeated the St. Louis.

The Cardinals' third straight loss dropped them 3 1/2 games behind division-leading Chicago, the Cubs' largest margin since Aug. 18. Pittsburgh won its third in a row following two victories in New York.

Heaton, 4-7, gave up only a bunt single to Ozzie Smith in the fourth and a triple to Smith in the sixth. Heaton, who had been 1-7 with a 4.32 earned-run average as a starter but 2-0 and 1.96 as a reliever, walked two and struck out four. Rookie Stan Belinda allowed one hit in two innings and Doug Bair finished for his first save.

Kevin McReynolds drove in four runs, including a three-run homer in the first inning, and the New York mets started a 10-game road trip by beating Philadelphia.

The Mets, who are 28-40 on the road, moved into third place ahead of Montreal in the National League East. New York, which snapped a two-game losing streak, trails first-place Chicago by 4 1/2 games with 19 games left.

Ron Darling, 13-12, pitched 6 1/3 innings allowing five hits and two runs. Randy Myers pitched the final 1 2/3 innings for his 23rd save, allowing no hits.

Giants 3, Braves 2. Will Clark singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning, giving Scott Garrelts his seventh straight victory as San Francisco Giants 3, Beat Atlanta.

Pinch-hitter Bill Bathe opened the eighth with a single off reliever Tony Castillo, 0-1, and Brett Butler sacrificed. After Terry Kennedy walked, Clark singled home pinch-runner Mike Benjamin for his 105th RBI.

Garrelts, 13-3, is 7-0 with a 1.26 ERA in nine starts since his last loss on June 25.

American League			
Baltimore	6	Chicago	3
Kansas City	6	Minnesota	1
Seattle	2	Boston	1
National League			
Chicago	4	Montreal	3
New York	5	Philadelphia	2
Pittsburgh	3	St. Louis	1
San Diego	7	Houston	1
San Francisco	3	Atlanta	2



## ANNOUNCEMENT

### KUWAIT CHESS FEDERATION

Kuwait Chess Federation would like to announce the opening of the eighth open chess tournament, which will be held on 16.9.1989.

Registration for male and female competitors will take place at K.C.F. premises in Jabriya, between 6 pm and 9 pm from 6.9.1989 to 13.9.1989, daily, (each participant should bring one photo).

After completion of registration, competitors will be required to attend the pairings meeting on 14.9.1989 at the playing hall. Pairing will commence promptly at 7 pm.

Winners will be awarded prizes. To secure success for tournament, K.C.F. reserves the right of rejecting any applicant without giving any reasons.

President of the  
Supreme Organising Committee



# Maradona set to play again for Napoli

NAPLES, Italy, Sept. 12. (Reuters): Soccer superstar Diego Maradona looks set to make a long-awaited comeback for Napoli when they open their defence of the UEFA Cup against Sporting Lisbon of Portugal on Thursday.

Maradona, out first with injury and then in uproar over an extended unauthorised holiday in Argentina, has not played

for the Italian side since June 18. But coach Alberto Bigon said after Maradona trained yesterday that the inspirational midfielder would probably come on for at least some of the game in Lisbon.

"He should play at least part of the match, we'll see," said Bigon. "Today he's worked like a Trojan. I haven't thought yet

whether to put him on from the start or bring him on during the match."

Napoli are unbeaten in the Italian League and joint leaders without their Argentine World Cup captain but Sporting Lisbon are tough opposition and team-mates said Maradona's presence could make a vital difference.

"He is putting everything into coming back," said defender Ciro Ferrara. "It's the right occasion for Diego and with him Napoli could really take off."

Maradona returned to Naples two weeks after the start of the season after threatening from Argentina to throw his contract at club president Corrado Ferlaino and quit soccer.

# Milan lead Italian bid for glory

## Van Basten and Gullit to miss Cup opener

LONDON, Sept. 12. (Reuters): Holders AC Milan and city rivals Internazionale will tomorrow lead Italy into what could be a year of exceptional European and global soccer glory when they meet Nordic opposition in the first round of the Champions' Cup.

The two Milan teams, each packed with international stars, are among the seven Italian clubs participating in the three European club competitions which are expected to provide a stirring prelude to next year's World Cup finals in Italy.

Milan, 4-0 victors over Steaua Bucharest of Romania in last season's high quality final in Barcelona, will be without four of their strongest team for their home first leg tie against HJK Helsinki.

But on a night of 53 ties in the three competitions, even a pale shadow of Milan's strongest team should do enough to reduce the second leg to merely academic proportions.

While Italian champions Internazionale, stung by their 2-0 defeat at Sampdoria on Sunday, travel to face the powerful Swedish champions Malmo, Arrigo Sacchi's team will meet Helsinki at San Siro without injured Dutchmen Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten and Italian internationals Roberto Donadoni and Franco Baresi.

Gullit and Van Basten are, like Donadoni, recovering from injury while Baresi is suspended for a match the Italians, even without two-thirds of their

Dutch inspiration, should win with ease even if the Finns frustrate them for long spells.

Internazionale, back in the

Champions' Cup for the first

time since 1980, will be without

key midfielder Nicola Bert, who has a strained thigh, and may struggle to survive unbeaten in Malmo.

"The important thing is to

regain our punch and get our

concentration and lucidity back," said coach Giovanni Trapattoni. "Malmo marks an important step on our path and we must make a good impression."

Like Milan, Internazionale have built their side around a foreign core by importing three outstanding West Germans and the experience of Andreas Brehme, Lothar Matthaus and Jürgen Klinsman could prove invaluable.

Their battle-hardened qualities will also be the type required by West German champions Bayern Munich, who face a torrid night in Scotland against injury-hit Glasgow Rangers in what appears the most evenly-matched tie of the round.

Rangers manager Graeme Souness, a veteran of Liverpool's years of European glory, could be without defender Richard Gough and strikers Ally McCoist and Maurice Johnston. "We are down on the boards for this one," he said. "Players must be prepared to put up with a bit of pain to play."

"But I'm an optimist and I think we can win. But it will be extremely hard."

Steaua Bucharest, Real Madrid, PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands, Benfica of Portugal and French champions Marseille will also be full of confidence for their opening round ties.

The Romanians are at home to Fram Reykjavik of Iceland, PSV entertain Lucerne of Switzerland, Benfica visit Derry City in Ireland and Marseille host Danish champions Brøndby in a tie which represents the first true test of their president Bernard Tapie's policy of attempting to buy his way to European success.



Van Basten (left) and Gullit: not playing against Helsinki

## Verghese scores easy win



Reji Verghese

REJI VERGHESE scored an easy victory in the Indian Arts Circle (IAC) Badminton Tournament as the event reached the semifinals stage on Monday.

Verghese found everything going his way as he brushed aside K.S. Jose 15-4 15-2. After surrendering only four points in the first set, Verghese tried to keep Jose's shot blank in the second but the latter managed to get two points.

Monday's results: Gents singles: Philip Cherian beat George Verghese 15-3, 15-2; Louis Gonsalves beat Deepak Salpal 15-9, 15-3; Cherry George thrashed Joseph Philip 15-0, 15-0. Gents doubles: Joseph Philip and Koshy George beat Cherian Philip and Rajan Daniel 15-11, 6-15, 15-9; Sivakumar and Mathew N.C. trounced Thomas Verghese and Jacob E. 15-0, 15-9; Bal Sharma and M.M. Joshi defeated Bobby Tharian and Mohan George 15-2, 15-2; J.S. Anand and Paul Alex defeated Ashok Kumar and M.D. Verghese 15-3, 15-3; Muralidharan and G.S. Anand got a second walkover from Lal and partner.

Couples doubles: Sujia Verghese and Verghese Joseph beat Sobha Nair and Mathew 15-4, 15-3. Junior girls singles: Simi Mathew defeated Anju Abraham 11-0, 11-2.

Today's fixtures: Gents singles: Remy Joseph vs Philip Cherian (9 pm); J. Ashok Kumar vs George Chacko (7.20 pm); Mathew N.C. vs Cherry George (8.00 pm). Gents doubles: Reji Joseph and Cherry George vs Johnson Verghese and K.S. Jose (9.30 pm); Reji Verghese and Cherian A vs Mathen Thomas and Alex Mathew or V. Jayaraman and K. Venkatesan (7.00 pm). Mixed doubles: Nirmala Nair and Cherian A vs Rosini Edison and Siva Kumar (8.30 pm). Resy John and John Kurian vs Resmi Ashok and J. Ashok Kumar or Simi Mathew and Mathew N.C. (8.45 pm). Veterans singles: K.P.G. Kutty vs G.S. Plays (7.20 pm) (quarter-final), Jacob Mathew vs R. Thakkar (7.40 pm) (quarter-final), Bal Sharma vs Dr. Srivastava (7.00 pm) (Quarterfinal), Veterans doubles: Bal Sharma and Jacob Mathew vs Dr. Srivastava and V. Venugopal (9.00 pm). Robert Henry and Rajan Daniel vs Nagi S.K. and R.P. Thakkar (9.30 pm).

## Brazil urge punishment for Chile

# Bolivia one point from Cup finals

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 12. (Reuters): Unheralded Bolivia are just one point away from next year's World Cup soccer finals in Italy after a stunningly successful performance in the South American Group One qualifying competition.

Bolivia's 2-1 win over a lacklustre Peru side in Lima on Sunday gave them a maximum six points from their three games, and they could edge former world champions Uruguay out of the finals.

Even though Bolivia's success has been attributed by their group rivals to the fact that the high-altitude of La Paz, rather than soccer talent, is their main ally, they have never come so close to claiming a ticket to the finals.

The Bolivians, who have no soccer tradition, appeared at the start of the qualifying competition to be the weakest side in the group, with Uruguay looking the team to beat.

Yet despite Bolivia's 100 per cent winning record, Uruguay are still favourites to go through. They have one win and one defeat, and play their remaining two matches at home.

But the double World Cup winners will have to get their nerves under control when they take on the Bolivians in Montevideo on Sunday.

As for Peru, Brazilian coach Jose "Pepe" Macia could not perform miracles. A neutral observer would always admit that the current crop of Peruvian players is perhaps the weakest in several years.

The disaster involving the country's top team, Alianza, with most of their players perishing in a plane crash almost two years ago, must be considered the main reason for Peru losing their first three games.

Group Two remains far from decided, with second-placed Colombia, who have three points from three matches, still to host leaders Paraguay, on four points from two games.

Considering that despite winning their two home matches Paraguay looked far from impressive, they could expect a tough time when they take on the Colombians on Sunday.

Besides that, a victory by Ecuador in their return match with Paraguay should not be regarded as a major surprise.

In Group Three, Brazil secured their World Cup berth when the organising committee, meeting in Zurich on Sunday, awarded them a 2-0 forfeit win because Chile walked off in a qualifying tie in Rio de Janeiro.

The Brazilians, playing for a draw, were leading 1-0 when the Chileans walked off in the 69th minute, alleging that their goalkeeper, Roberto Rojas, had been hit by a flare thrown by a spectator.

Brazil's 14th World Cup appearance will make them the only country to take part in all the finals.

Brazil yesterday celebrated the confirmation of its berth in the World Cup finals. Meanwhile, national team coach Sebastiao Lazaroni urged a "severe" punishment for Chile for abandoning its qualifying game.

"Now fans can drink all the beer they want. We're in the Cup," president of the Brazilian Soccer Confederation Ricardo Teixeira said in an interview with Brazilian reporters in Zurich, Switzerland, Sunday.

Brazil is the only country to participate in every World Cup and the first team to qualify for the 1990 tournament.

# Becker and Graf keep wary eye on young talent

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (Reuters): Boris Becker and Steffi Graf wear the US Open and Wimbledon tennis crowns — but they keep a wary eye on the host of exciting youngsters chasing their success.

"The sport is getting heavy with young talent. It's great. It's the future," said former Wimbledon and US Open champion Stan Smith.

Now director of coaching for the US Tennis Association, Smith enthused: "We're excited over what's out there."

World number one Ivan Lendl agreed. "A new generation of players has arrived. Many of them are good. They can be dangerous."

"You have to play well and be prepared mentally for them. If you're not, they'll beat you."

Nick Kuliti of Sweden, Todd Woodbridge and Jo-Anne Faull of Australia, Jennifer Capriati, Jared Palmer and Jonathan Stark of the United States, Fabrice Santoro of France are just some of the names of the future.

They, and many others, are young players on the verge of challenging the sport's elite for fame and fortune.



Seles (left) and Agassi: examples of the comprehensive training programme in the US

"The emergence of good young players around the world is a happening," said Nick Bollettieri, a leading developer of tennis talent. "There are more good players in the age group of, say 15 to 19, than ever before."

Bollettieri's current pupils include 15-year-old Monica Seles of Yugoslavia. Seles, who reached the semifinals of the French Open before losing to women's world number one Graf, already stands 12th in the



women's rankings.

"It's all because of good programming, fitness programmes and funding to pay expenses," Bollettieri said.

Smith pointed to Andre Agassi, French Open champion

"This is the best American bunch coming up since the emergence of Jimmy Connors, Stan Smith, Brian Gottfried, Roscoe Tanner and Harold Solomon," said Tom Gorman, the US Davis Cup captain.

He and Smith listed Palmer and Stark, Wimbledon junior doubles champions, Vincent Spadea, winner last year of every 14-year-old US title, and Mercedis McGrath, finalist in singles and winner in doubles at the Wimbledon junior tournament and runner-up in the US Open mixed doubles.

There was special praise for 13-year-old Capriati, who shared the Wimbledon doubles title with McGrath and will play on the US Wightman Cup team against Britain next week.

"An unusual talent," was Bollettieri's comment. Capriati won the French and Belgian Open junior titles, reached the quarterfinals of the Wimbledon girls' singles and won the US national 18-year-old championship.

"They're getting younger and younger each year," said Nick Saviano, captain of the US touring team. "Kids everywhere are flooding the sport."

Michael Chang and Pete Sampras, who eliminated defending champion Mats Wilander of Sweden in the US Open, as examples of the comprehensive training programme in the United States.



## Flateh retiring from football

Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee, Kuwait Football Association and Olympic Council of Asia, was recently received by the management of the Kuwait International Hotel. Sheikh Fahd was at the hotel to open the press conference of Hmoud Flateh announcing the

latter's retirement from football. A match, under the patronage of the Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak, will be held between a Kuwaiti and Egyptian team on Sept. 25 to mark Flateh's retirement. Above: Sheikh Fahd (left) being received by the Kuwait International management.

## Court suspends ban on six Indian stars

NEW DELHI, Sept. 12. (Reuters): India's Supreme Court today suspended year-long bans imposed on six cricket stars.

It said the six players, including Test captain Dilip Vengsarkar and all-rounder Kapil Dev, should appeal to the disciplinary committee of the Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI), who are due to meet this week.

The court made no ruling on the legitimacy of the bans imposed in August by the BCCI, who said the six had broken contracts by playing unauthorised matches in North America following an Indian tour of the West Indies earlier this year.

But it said the punishments should be held in abeyance until the players had appealed and the court had ruled on whether the BCCI had the power to impose them.

Vengsarkar, Kapil Dev, batsmen Mohammed Azharuddin and Arun Lal, all-rounder Ravi Shastri and wicketkeeper Kiran More say their contracts prevented them only from playing unauthorised matches in South Africa.

The six, who were heavily fined as were eight junior players, are the backbone of an Indian team.

India will face England, West Indies, Australia, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in a one-day tournament in this country next month.

Their lawyers scathingly criticised the BCCI contract, saying it made players into bonded labourers.

They said letters accompanying contracts sent to players selected for the West Indies tour, which India lost heavily, said any alteration of the contract would be taken as a refusal to play for India and would result in a one-year ban from playing.

This gave the players no choice but to sign and made the contracts coercive and therefore illegal, the lawyers said.

During a news conference last month, the players apologised for violating the contract and appealed to the board to lift the ban and the fine. The board has not responded.

After the court order, the board gave an undertaking it will not enforce the ban until Sept. 25, United News of India reported. If enforced, the ban will effectively cripple the Indian Test side which faces at least three international tours this season.

Public petitions were filed this month in the Supreme Court by at least eight journalists, asking it to annul the board's decision on the ground that it was illegal.

"The board had not punished the cricketers but cricket loving public. The punishment could not be legally sustained. The court must intervene in the larger public interest," an attorney for N. Murali of the English-language newspaper, The Hindu, was quoted as saying by UNI.

"I think this issue will end in a draw," Chief Justice E.S. Venkataswami observed after the panel he is heading passed the order at the end of daylong arguments.

Except Shastri, the other five players were present at the hearing. Board president Ranbir Singh, announcing the ban last month, said the players violated their contracts by playing unauthorised matches in Canada and the United States after the official February-May tour to the West Indies.

The other players who participated in the North American tour were let off with fines, in view of what Singh said was "their little experience to understand the implications of the breach of contract."

The board has often taken disciplinary action against individual players but the ban was believed to be the harshest step it has ever taken.

During the unauthorised tour, the Indian cricket team, calling itself Indian XI, played four limited-overs matches — one against the West Indies and three against what was called Pakistan XI. Except one match against Pakistan XI, the Indian team lost the rest.

Earlier, India had a disastrous tour of the West Indies, losing the four-Test series 3-0. One match was drawn.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Nelson to defend

LONDON, Sept. 12. (Reuters): Ghana's Azumah Nelson will defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-featherweight title against Jim McDermott of Britain in London's Royal Albert Hall on Nov. 5, promoter Barry Hearn announced today.

### Kidnap insurance

LONDON, Sept. 12. (AP): West German tennis star Boris Becker has taken out a £6.5 million (\$10 million) insurance policy against being kidnapped. Lloyd's of London said today. A Lloyd's spokesman who requested anonymity said the 21-year-old player, winner of this year's Wimbledon and US Open titles, is paying £100,000 (\$160,000) per year for the policy, which is underwritten by Lloyd's and brokered by London-based Cassidy-Davis.

### Event falls

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (AP): Chris Evert, who ended her Grand Slam career last week at the US Open, has fallen to No. 5 in the world — the lowest ranking of her career. Evert, who is retiring at the end of the season, began the year at No. 3 and dropped to No. 4 in February. In the rankings released yesterday, French Open champion Arantza Sanchez moved past Evert into the No. 4 spot.

### Annual meeting

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 12. (Reuters): The possible expulsion of the South African Tennis Union from world tennis's ruling body tops the agenda at the four-day International Tennis Federation (ITF) annual general meeting starting this evening.

### Danish champion

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 12. (UPI): Danish Soccer League champion Brøndby has signed Ralf Ragnussen on a three-year contract from US indoor club Wichita Wings.

### Liverpool star

LIVERPOOL, England, Sept. 12. (UPI): Liverpool's Republic of Ireland international soccer star John Aldridge is set to join Real Sociedad in the opening round of the UEFA Cup in Sofia. Vitosha Sofia (Bulgaria) 0 Antwerp (Belgium) 0.

### Cueto upset

ATHENS, Greece, Sept. 12. (AP): Italy's Federica Bonignoni, displaying patience and accuracy, upset top seed Isabel Cueto of West Germany yesterday in the opening round of the Virginia Slims international women's tennis tournament.

### Vincent to succeed

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (AP): Fay Vincent will be elected to succeed A. Bartlett Giamatti as baseball commissioner on Thursday, a source familiar with the owners' plans told the Associated Press yesterday.

### European soccer

LONDON, Sept. 12. (Reuters): Results of first-round first-leg matches in European club soccer competition.

UEFA Cup in Sofia: Vitosha Sofia (Bulgaria) 0 Antwerp (Belgium) 0.

### Morocco triumph

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Sept. 12. (AP): Morocco beat outsiders Bahrain 4-1 in the semi-finals of the Palestine Youth Soccer Cup tournament today after a scintillating penalty shootout in extra time. The two sides were tied 1-1 when the whistle went. Halftime score was 1-1.

### Dittmar wins

HONG KONG, Sept. 12. (Reuters): Results in the Hong Kong Open squash championships today (prize number denotes seeding).

Men's singles, first round: 2-Chris Dittmar (Australia) beat Sabir Butt (Canada) 15-13 15-2 15-9; Mark Caira (England) beat Mark Madson (Scotland) 15-12 15-13 15-16; Ross Norman (New Zealand) beat Brett Newton (Australia) 15-14 15-11 15-12; Faple Victor (Cape Verde) beat Mark Caryon (Australia) 11-15 15-13 15-12 15-10; 3-Rodney Martin (Australia) beat Daniel Meddings (England) 15-12 15-12 15-13; Adrian Davies (Wales) beat Anthony Hill (Australia) 15-14 15-13 15-10 15-12; Brett Martin (Australia) beat Austin Adarama (Spain) 15-8 15-12 15-11; Bryan Benson (England) beat Chris Walker (England) 15-13 15-15 4-9.